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Italians Streaming Across Albania Towards Santi Quaranta: Fall Of Argyrokastron Imminent

The Italians are streaming across Albania towards the port of Santi Quaranta and are also reported to be leaving Argyrokastron, according to a message from London yesterday. Although the occupation of Santi Quaranta and Argyrokastron has not yet been officially claimed, a report from Athens says that Greek troops are already on the outskirts and that the fall of these cities is imminent. Greek successes are also reported on the snow-covered mountains to the west of Pogradets, while another report states that they have occupied Mount Kanja and captured many prisoners and large quantities of war material.



Air attacks are reported to be taking place along the whole Italian front and the Allies are stated to have destroyed 17 Italian planes.

The Rome radio cannot find anything to say except that there is no change and that heavy attacks and counter-attacks have been made in the northern region. A Moscow report states that the Italians have dug themselves in on the mountains which dominate the Albanian shore of Lake Tokedo and that operations on a larger scale are imminent as the weather has improved.

REAL ISSUE
A Turkish General comments on the situation in Albania, says, "The real issue of the Albanian war depends on the operations around Argyrokastron. If the Italians fail to defend themselves here, the whole of Albania will be exposed if Argyrokastron falls and it will be extremely difficult for any Italians to remain in Albania. If the Italians leave Albania, the Italian attempt to destroy British supremacy in the Mediterranean will dissolve with the snow on the Albanian mountains."

PREMETI OCCUPIED
ATHENS, Dec. 5 (Reuter).—A Greek communiqué records the occupation of Premeti with heavy enemy losses and says the Greeks took over 500 prisoners, six cannons and much war material.

The Italians abandoned new positions in several sectors of the Albanian front apparently in order to avoid the vast encircling movement by the Greek Army.

SOME DIFFICULTY
LONDON, Dec. 5 (Reuter).—Greek troops on the northern Albanian front who had advanced far from their bases, are now having some difficulty in obtaining supplies, says Reuter's Special correspondent on the Yugoslav frontier.

All was quiet yesterday in the sector near the Yugoslav frontier. The terrain and the terribly difficult roads are almost impassable owing to heavy snowfalls. Two-thirds of the Italians and Albanians surrendered to the Yugoslav authorities at the frontier in the morning and the Italians stated that the morale of their comrades was falling. The Albanians alleged that Italian troops are terrorizing the civil population of Albania.

An Important British Air Victory Announced

ATHENS, Dec. 5 (Reuter).—An important British air victory is announced at British headquarters. In a fierce battle over the enemy lines yesterday, British fighters with no loss to themselves shot down a large number of enemy aircraft. Greek sources state 10 enemy planes are destroyed but official confirmation is awaited.

British Fighter Aircraft Now Have Cannon

LONDON, Dec. 5 (Reuter).—British fighter aircraft are now equipped with a cannon in addition to machine-guns and a number of German machines were recently brought down by this new equipment. The cannon has a longer range and more damaging power than machine-guns. It is reported a long-barrelled cannon of 37 millimetres will be fitted to Boeing fighters which will soon be delivered to Britain. The new machines have a speed of 500 m.p.h. and have been successfully tested over Lake Ontario, Canada.

Today's War Summary

THE CAPTURE BY THE GREEKS OF THE KEY VILLAGE OF PREMETI and the commanding positions they occupy threatening Santi Quaranta are regarded by the British Press as opening up prospects of still further successes in southern Albania. The Italians are still in retreat and the fall of Santi Quaranta and Argyrokastron are reported to be imminent. CHIANG KAI-SHEK'S ADMINISTRATION IS RECOGNISED as the only National Government of China by the Soviet Union who has informed Japan of this following the treaty signed last Saturday between Wang Ching-wei and the Tokyo Government. ANOTHER BLOW TO GERMAN ASPIRATIONS IN THE BALKANS is the signing of a trade agreement between Great Britain and Turkey which is heralded in the London Press as an effective challenge to the Nazi plans to exploit economic domination in the Balkans for political ends. THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S DETERMINATION TO COMBAT night bombing was emphasised by Capt. H. H. Balfour, of the Air Ministry. Meanwhile it is reported that British fighter aircraft are now additionally fitted with a cannon and several German planes have been brought down by this equipment.

AS ONLY NATIONAL GOVT. OF CHINA

THE SOVIET UNION HAS INFORMED JAPAN THAT RUSSIA WILL CONTINUE TO RECOGNISE GENERAL CHIANG KAI-SHEK'S ADMINISTRATION AS THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT OF CHINA AND NOT THE WANG REGIME, STATES A LONDON MESSAGE.

On Saturday last, Japan signed a treaty with Wang Ching-wei, clause three of which permitted the Japanese to retain troops for an indefinite period in North China and Inner Mongolia, the latter place of which is within the Russian sphere of Outer Mongolia.

A day after the treaty was signed, the Soviet Ambassador in Tokyo, M. Smolenski, called on the Japanese Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs and demanded an explanation of this clause and he was given the assurance that it was not directed against the Soviet.

Nevertheless, the Soviet Ambassador found it necessary to inform the Japanese Government that its policy towards China would remain unchanged. This means that Russian aid to General Chiang Kai-shek against Japan will not be withdrawn or modified.

Three great Powers with interests in the Asiatic are therefore to help China in her battle for freedom.

The United States, which recently announced a loan of \$100,000,000 to China and which is now discussing further aid. The Soviet Union, which is offering to send planes, tanks and other war material, and Great Britain, which is doing its utmost to facilitate the transport of supplies to China along the Burma Road.

Japan's hopes of a new order for Asia have, thus, been rejected.

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ATTLEE ON IMPOSSIBILITY OF MAKING PEACE WITH NAZI GERMANY

The impossibility of making peace with Nazi Germany was mentioned yesterday by MAJOR C. R. ATTLEE, LORD PRIVY SEAL, in the House of Commons when he said, "You cannot make peace with a people who do not accept the beginnings of the decency of modern civilisation. We have seen mangled bodies and wrecked homes but there is something worse than killing bodies—it is killing the soul." In the meantime, reports of peace moves continue to reach London. A message from Budapest suggests the possibility of German mediation in the Italo-Greek war. Surreptitious peace feelers are also being credited to Germany for a negotiated peace, the message pointed out that German propaganda had not been able to conceal the weakness of her Axis partner, the unbroken spirit of the British Empire and the rising momentum of the United States assistance to Britain. It is not Britain, but Germany, that must be feeling herself in a very dangerous position.

New Trade Agreement: Turkey Will Find Market In Britain For Her Agricultural Products

The most significant item of news yesterday was the announcement of the signing of a Trade Agreement between Britain and Turkey, by which Britain will get a large share of the Turkish market, states a message from London.

Purchases by the British Government will be paid for promptly in sterling and Turkey will find a market in Britain for her agricultural products.

Turkey is shortly to receive a number of locomotives and railway equipment from Britain and the delivery of these will again prove the British mastery of the seas as well as Britain's ability to maintain her export trade.

Germany had, until now, held the trade of the Balkans, but has failed to pay for the goods she bought. Turkey was one of the countries to oppose this method.

The signing of this agreement needs no emphasis. By its signature, Turkey reaffirms her determination to stick by her alliance with Britain. Meanwhile, the British Trade Mission to South America is reported to be meeting with great success.

FORCED ON RUMANIA. In contrast to this trade agreement with Turkey, which was freely negotiated, is the announcement of a pact which Germany has forced on Rumania. By this pact Rumania will have to buy German railway machinery at Germany's price and Rumania's own goods will be sold to Germany at prices which Germany wants to pay.

A report from Bucharest states that Germany plans to use the armies of the small European countries in her campaign next spring.

Government Determined To Fight Night Bombing

LONDON, Dec. 5 (Reuter).—The Government's determination to combat night bombing was emphasised by Captain Harold Balfour, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Air.

Speaking to the Eagle Squadron of the R. A. F. (a squadron composed of United States volunteers), Capt. Balfour said the R. A. F.'s efforts have driven the mass day raiders out of the skies and forced the enemy to adopt the policy of indiscriminate night bombing, particularly in industrial areas.

"Just as indiscriminate bombing raids failed," said Captain Balfour, "so will the effect from this present form of attack be countered."

"While in the air we work on measures to oppose night raids, in the factory we will mend, patch, replace and rebuild."

Capt. Balfour's peroration was a request to the Eagle Squadron to tell United States citizens that there is no limit to what Britain could face and accept and that Britain is now more certain of victory than ever before.

Britain's Financial Position "Never Stronger"

NEW YORK, Dec. 5 (Reuter).—Britain's financial position was "never stronger" declared Sir Frederick Phillips, Third Secretary to the British Treasury, when he arrived here by Clipper last night en route to Washington, to confer with Mr. H. Morgenthau on the general financial position of Britain.

Pending the conference, he declined to discuss what he hoped to accomplish or what aid Britain might expect and said that the British purchases are at present being paid for before delivery but "we can't go on buying from reserves forever no matter what they are."

Asked whether he had come to discuss credits, he replied, "That is a stage further on" and he professed lack of knowledge of the reported proposal to lend Britain \$2,500,000,000. He added that to his knowledge, such a proposal has not been discussed by British Government circles connected with finance.

AWARD OF CONTRACTS. NEW YORK, Dec. 5 (Reuter).—The award of contracts for the construction of at least a part of the 60 vessels stated in the House of Commons on Dec. 3 to have been ordered in the United States by the Ministry of Shipping is expected within the next few days, according to the Journal of Commerce.

LONDON, Dec. 5 (Reuter).—The R.A.F. bombed targets in Turin last night and also carried out a fairly heavy attack on Düsseldorf. It is officially announced.

RETAIL PRICES FOR RICE STRONGLY CRITICISED

Excellent Opportunity For Unscrupulous Dealers To Continue Ramp

STRONG CRITICISMS OF THE RETAIL PRICES FOR RICE FIXED BY THE CONTROLLER OF FOOD, and published in a Government Gazette Extraordinary yesterday, were voiced by all those approached on this question by a Hongkong Daily Press reporter yesterday afternoon.

The consensus of opinion appeared to be that the prices fixed were most unsatisfactory in three respects, namely,

They are much too high; They still offer an excellent opportunity to unscrupulous dealers to continue the ramp; and No penalty has been fixed by Government.

As to the first point, one of the informants stated that the "broken" quality used to be sold at between \$8 and \$8.50 per picul, against the Government's allowance of \$11.50 (if bought by 5-catty lots) or \$12 if bought by the catty. As this quality is principally consumed by the poorer class—

such as manual labourers—the new price will inflict a "terrible hardship" on those whose lot was, at the best of times, not a happy one.

For the No. 3 Grade, the price of 14 cts. per catty (or even \$13.50 per picul) is ridiculous, as this quality used to be sold at \$9.10 per picul. The most reasonable increase seemed to be in connexion with No. 1 quality which was formerly sold at round about \$14.50 per picul against the new price of \$18.

Government, said the informant, appeared to have allowed an increase of about 15 per cent. in respect to Grade 2, which used to be sold at eight cattles to a dollar, or \$12.50 per picul.

SQUEEZE OPPORTUNITY. The Government appeared to have lost sight of the fact that Convd Page 4—Col. 4

INTERESTING TALK ON CONDITIONS IN KUKONG: Y'S MEN'S CLUB TIFFIN MEETING

Model Village To Be Built To Relieve Housing Problem

AN INTERESTING ACCOUNT OF CONDITIONS IN KUKONG AND THAT REGION IN NORTH KWANGTUNG was given yesterday at the weekly tiffin meeting of the Hongkong Y's Men's Club at the St. Francis Hotel by Mr. E. H. Lockwood, General Secretary of the Canton Y.M.C.A.

Kukong, a town formerly known as Shukwan and Shichow, may be reached from Hongkong by three different routes. Mr. Lockwood said. The first of these is by plane to Kwelin and from there by train to Shukwan. The second way is by plane to Nam Hung and from there by motor-road to Shukwan. The third route is the East River route through Sha-U-Chung.

People who have travelled the third route, the speaker said, have many interesting stories to tell. It has been estimated that if all the coolies using the road at the same time were made to stand in line, each man touching the shoulder of the one before him, the whole line would stretch from Tamshui to Sha-U-Chung.

Rates of pay enjoyed by the coolies were about the highest he knew of in China and they were making the most of the good time. Perhaps for the first time too in the history of China, chair coolies were being victimized by robbers and had worldly possessions coveted by the brigands.

EXCITING TALES

Travellers on the road, when they met, had always exciting tales to tell one another and gatherings in rest houses en route could be compared with those of travellers in "inns" in mediaeval times. Exciting things seemed to happen to everyone, though thousands must have made the journey without an incident of any kind.

He had a story to tell himself, Mr. Lockwood said, and it concerned a trip by motor-road from Lungchui to Shukwan. After having negotiated a long series of hazardous bends in the road, he had changed cars and the news reached him shortly afterwards that not long after he had got out of the car that had done the more dangerous part of the route, it had gone off the road into a paddy field, with all passengers. If the steering gear had failed only a little earlier, the car may have gone over the side of the road and plunged into a deep ravine.

REGION OF BEAUTY

Kukong was a region of beauty. It had been little bigger than a small village until the war had given it importance. Its suburbs were growing very rapidly and there were always more people in town than all the housing accommodation could hold. Many people had grown used to living in boats and rented these in the river. It was said that in Kwelin it was easier to get a job than to rent a house and easier to find a wife than a servant, and this was even more true of Kukong. The Government only recently rented a house there known as the Fu Lai Hsie to serve as a hostel for visitors and the Y.M.C.A. were also renting two houses for people passing through.

SPIRIT OF COMRADESHIP

He had never lived in a place, Mr. Lockwood said, where the people were so friendly. Most of the residents were new people to the town and many of them had come up from Canton. A strong spirit of comradeship prevailed and people who had only been casual ac-

quaintances in Canton spoke to him when he met with them as to a long lost friend.

Because of the danger of air raids, shops were not permitted to open until 4.30 p.m. and the town came alive then. Then streets were as full after dark as the Bund in Canton in the old days. A large percentage of the people were young, many of them in the Government and only recently finished with their schooling. They frequented the Y.M.C.A. in large numbers and never had the Y.M.C.A. faced greater opportunities, he thought, than in Kukong.

BOMBING RAIDS

There had been only two bombing raids last summer, but both of these did serious damage. However, half-an-hour's notice was given of bombing raids and it was possible, walking at a good pace, to get outside the limits of the city and into the comparative safety of a system of trenches in the neighbouring hilly country. In one of the raids, three of the four churches in Kukong were hit.

A rural community had been established at Lung Kwal, a few miles from the city and the Y.M.C.A. were very much interested in this work. Two nurses were giving their service there and five young men were engaged in helping in the formation of loan co-operatives for the farmers. The banks were providing loans at eight per cent. per annum for a period of six months. A total sum of \$500,000 in National Currency had been loaned out by the Banks so far.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Other work done by the Y.M.C.A. was being carried on among the city population. While Welfare Work for the soldiers and a Students' Service Centre at Ping-shuek was also being run, the latter in co-operation with the Rt. Rev. R. O. Hall.

Governor Lei Hon-man recently suggested to him that a model village be started by the Y.M.C.A. to entice people to come up from Hongkong, who would be very willing to travel to Kukong if they were assured of a place to live. Many would be willing to pay rent or even buy a house in such a village, it has been suggested. It was proposed to build such a village for 100 families.

Y'S MEN'S CLUB

He was taking back with him to Kukong \$500 worth of books, Mr. Lockwood said. He hoped also to start there soon a Y's Men's Club. He felt very optimistic about the future of Kwangtung and he had seen evidence that the spirit of the Cantonese people had not been crushed by the Japanese invasion.

Mr. Lockwood spoke also of the work being conducted by Mme. Lei Hon-man, the wife of the Governor, who has opened eight homes in the north of the province for 10,000 homeless children, who were being cared for and were receiving schooling.

POLICE REPORTS

Mr. Haming, of the Hongkong Tramways Company, reports that money amounting to \$40 was stolen from his office between midnight and 5 a.m. on Dec. 3.

Miss D.L. Sage, of No. 146 Argyle Street, has reported the theft of a ladies' overcoat on Wednesday at the Happy Valley ground.

The theft of three cases of vases, valued at \$350.50, between Dec. 2 and 4 from No. 173 Wellington Street has been reported to the Police by Ho Tak-kyong.

Leicester is to appoint air raid welfare officers, who will see that any distress caused by enemy action is immediately relieved.

BADMINTON LEAGUE FIXTURES

The Badminton League will make a start next Monday with a match between University "B" and Recreation in the "A" Division.

The following are the fixtures for the season:—

"A" DIVISION

Dec. 9 University "B" v. Recreation.
16 Chinese Y. v. University "A".
23 Univ. "B" v. Chinese Y.

Jan. 6 Recreation v. Univ. "A".
13 Univ. "A" v. Univ. "B". Chinese Y. v. Recreation.
20 Recreation v. Univ. "B".

Feb. 3 Univ. "A" v. Chinese Y.
10 Chinese Y. v. Univ. "B".
17 Univ. "A" v. Recreation.
24 Univ. "B" v. Univ. "A". Recreation v. Chinese Y.

"B" DIVISION

Dec. 11 V.R.C. v. King's College.
18 Chung Wah v. Recreation, K.C.C. v. Police, Kowloon Tung v. St. Andrews.
25 J.R.C. v. King's College, V.R.C. v. Chung Wah, St. John's v. Police, K.C.C. v. K. Tong.

Jan. 9 Recreation v. J.R.C., King's College v. Chung Wah, St. John's v. St. Andrews, Police v. K. Tong.
16 J.R.C. v. Chung Wah, Recreation v. V.R.C., K. Tong v. St. John's, St. Andrews v. K.C.C.

23 J.R.C. v. V.R.C., Recreation v. King's College, St. John's v. K.C.C., St. Andrews v. Police.

Feb. 5 King's College v. V.R.C., Recreation v. Chung Wah, Police v. K.C.C., St. Andrews v. K. Tong.
12 King's College v. J.R.C., Chung Wah v. V.R.C., Police v. St. John's, K. Tong v. K.C.C.

19 J.R.C. v. Recreation, Chung Wah v. King's College, St. Andrews v. St. John's, K. Tong v. Police.
26 Chung Wah v. J.R.C., V.R.C. v. Recreation, St. John's v. K. Tong, K.C.C. v. St. Andrews.

Mar. 5 V.R.C. v. J.R.C., King's College v. Recreation, K.C.C. v. St. John's, Police v. St. Andrews.

The "B" Division is divided into two sections, and the first two matches on each of the above dates are in the "A" section, and the last two in "B".

EXHIBITION MATCHES

To stimulate interest among members of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. for the coming season, exhibition badminton matches were given by P. H. Wong, Colony champion, and C. Au, co-doubles champion, at the "Y" court at Bridges Street last night.

In the first singles match Lau beat Young by 15 points to 11. The second singles game, the "tit-bit" of the evening, saw Wong beat his team mate C. Au by a similar score.

The programme was rounded off with a doubles exhibition in which Au, partnered by H. Ko, beat F. Ko and T. W. Wong by 21-13.

In all the matches quite a high standard was seen and a very successful season is promised the Chinese "Y" if last night's exhibition is any criterion.

SPORTING FIXTURES

TODAY
BILLIARDS.—Garrison League. Signals v. 5th A.A. Regt. R.A. Furzees Coy. T.E. v. Pay Corps. Ordnance Corps v. Military Police. Royal Scots v. Service Corps.

TOMORROW
CRICKET.—Senior friends, Civil Service v. Kowloon C.C. Junior friends, Indian R.C. v. Police R.C. Kowloon C.C. v. Civil Service.

FOOTBALL—First Division: South China v. R. Scots (Caroline Hill), St. Joseph's v. Kowloon (St. Joseph's), Kwong Wah v. Club (Boundary Street), 4 p.m. Second Division: South China v. 30th R.A. (Caroline Hill), 2.30 p.m.; Middlesex v. Kowloon (Kowloon), 2.30 p.m.; Kwong Wah v. Kitchener (Boundary Street), 2.30 p.m.; Ordnance v. Service Corps (Military), 2.30 p.m.; Sing Tao v. R. Scots (Military), 4 p.m. Third Division: International v. Air Force (St. Joseph's), 2.30 p.m.; 35th R.A. v. Signals (Stanley), 4 p.m. Shell v. 12th R.A. (Kowloon), 4 p.m.; Medicals v. 20th R.A. (Chatham Road), 2.30 p.m.; 36th R.A. v. 7th R.A. (Sookun-poo), 2.30 p.m.

LAWN BOWLS—St. George's

Entries For Thirteenth Extra Meet

The following are the entries for the Thirteenth Extra Race Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club to be held at Happy Valley on Saturday, Dec. 14:—

1-2 P.M.—Queensland Autumn Champions: Winner \$1,000, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$200. For Australian Subscription Ponies of any season that have started in at least two Extra Meetings of this Club since January 1, 1940. Winners at Extra Meetings of this Club 1940 only. Weight for inches as per scale. Post Entries, Entrance \$10. One and a Quarter Miles.

NOTE—Entries to be nominated on the day of the race, i.e. Ponies must be declared as starters by posting their names in the relative declaration box in the usual manner.

2—Last Chance Handicap: Winner \$400, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$200. For China Ponies, "C" Class, that have started in at least two Extra Meetings of this Club during 1940. Winners of \$1,000 or more in stakes since January 1, 1940, barred. Jockey Allowance, Entrance \$5. One Mile.

Attacking Time, Blue Field, Dawn Star, Emergency Unit, Eve of Hunting, Jane Doe, Just In Time, Lovely Star, Potentate, Rob Roy, Royal Wedding Eve, Seaside View, Silver Wings, Taxing Master.

3—Dilatory Handicap: Winner \$500, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$200. For Australian Subscription Ponies, "B" Class, that have started in at least two Extra Meetings of this Club during 1940. Winners of \$1,000 or more in stakes since January 1, 1940, barred. Jockey Allowance, Entrance \$5. One Mile.

A Great Time, Australian Prince, Criffel, Devonian, Double Finesse, Tornado Star, Triumphant Day, Vixen Tor.

4—Hongkong Autumn Champions: Winner \$1,000, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$200. For China Ponies that have started in at least two Extra Meetings of this Club since January 1, 1940. Winners at Extra Meetings of this Club 1940 only. Weight for inches as per scale. Post Entries, Entrance \$10. One and a Quarter Miles.

NOTE—Entries to be nominated on the day of the race, i.e. Ponies must be declared as starters by posting their names in the relative declaration box in the usual manner.

5—Laggards' Handicap: Winner \$800, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$200. For Australian Subscription Ponies, "C" Class, that have started in at least two Extra Meetings of this Club during 1940. Winners of \$1,000 or more in stakes since January 1, 1940, barred. Jockey Allowance, Entrance \$5. One Mile.

A Green Time, Annabella, Breton, Bruno, Cocklerol, National Victory, Venus Bay, Warrego River, Winnie.

6—Tardy Handicap: Winner \$800, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$200. For China Ponies, "B" Class, that have started in at least two Extra Meetings of this Club during 1940. Winners of \$1,000 or more in stakes since January 1, 1940, barred. Jockey Allowance, Entrance \$5. One Mile.

Amber II, Colorado Star, Dick Turpin, Discovery Bay, Forehand Drive, Longdon, Lovely Kid, Quick Despatch, Riding Star, Roofly, Sea Urchin, Surprise Again, Violet Queen.

7—Lingerers' Handicap: Winner \$800, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$200. For Australian Subscription Ponies, "D" Class, that have started in at least two Extra Meetings of this Club during 1940. Winners of \$1,000 or more in stakes since January 1, 1940, barred. Jockey Allowance, Entrance \$5. One Mile.

Eve of Peace, Jack O'Lantern, Omph, Piet Hein, Royal Highness, Salvage Master, Sunlight View, The Leopard, Willyndly.

8—Final Handicap: Winner \$800, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$200. For China Ponies, "D" Class, that have started in at least two Extra Meetings of this Club during 1940. Winners of \$1,000 or more in stakes since January 1, 1940, barred. Jockey Allowance, Entrance \$5. One Mile.

Society v. St. Andrews, Society (Kowloon Green Club), 2.30 p.m.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8
FOOTBALL—First Division: East v. Sing Tao (Caroline Hill), 4 p.m. Second Division: Edgemoor v. Navy (Chauway Bay), 2.30 p.m. Third Division: Service Corps v. 24th R.A. (Caroline Hill), 2.30 p.m.

RACING—Macao Jockey Club's December Race Meeting.

S.C.A.A. TRACK, FIELD MEET: MANY ENTRIES

The 18th Track and Field Meet of the South China Athletic Association, to be held on Dec. 29, and New Year's Day, at Caroline Hill, have attracted a large number of entries from members and from the public.

The following are the events:—Men's A teams: 100 metres sprint; 200 metres; 400 metres; 800 metres and 1,500 metres flat race; 110 metre and 400 metre hurdles. Men's B teams: 100 metres sprint; 200 metres flat race. Ladies' A teams: 50 metres sprint; 100 metres sprint; 200 metres and 400 metres flat; and 80 metre hurdles.

Ladies' B teams: 50 metres and 100 metres sprint. Men's field events: Shot-put; throwing the discus; high jump; pole jump; broad jump; javelin throwing and hop-skip-and-jump; for "A" teams. For B teams: High jump and broad jump.

Ladies' field events: Basket-ball throwing; shot put (8 lb. shot); high jump; broad jump; throwing the discus and javelin throwing; for A teams. For B teams: High jump and broad jump.

(N.B. Height for men competing in the B teams is not to exceed 5 feet; and for ladies, 4 feet 6 inches).

OPEN EVENTS

The following events are open to the public:—Men's A teams: 400 metres relay and 1,600 metres relay; Men's B teams: 400 metres relay; Ladies teams: 400 metres relay. Open to all comers—10,000 metres. Special events are the 400 metres relay open to all departments of the S.C.A.A. and 100 metres handicap.

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS

The following telegrams from Shanghai are awaiting claimants at the office of the Great Northern Telegraph Company (Limited):—Norman Clevley, P. & O. Co., Li Hong-fung, Nathan Hotel, 3rd Fl., Wong Yau-tsun, 404 Nathan Hotel, Ho Tak-ahing, c/o Chang Yang, 440 Hennessy Road, 3rd Floor, Mr. B. Petrick, Hongkong Hotel.

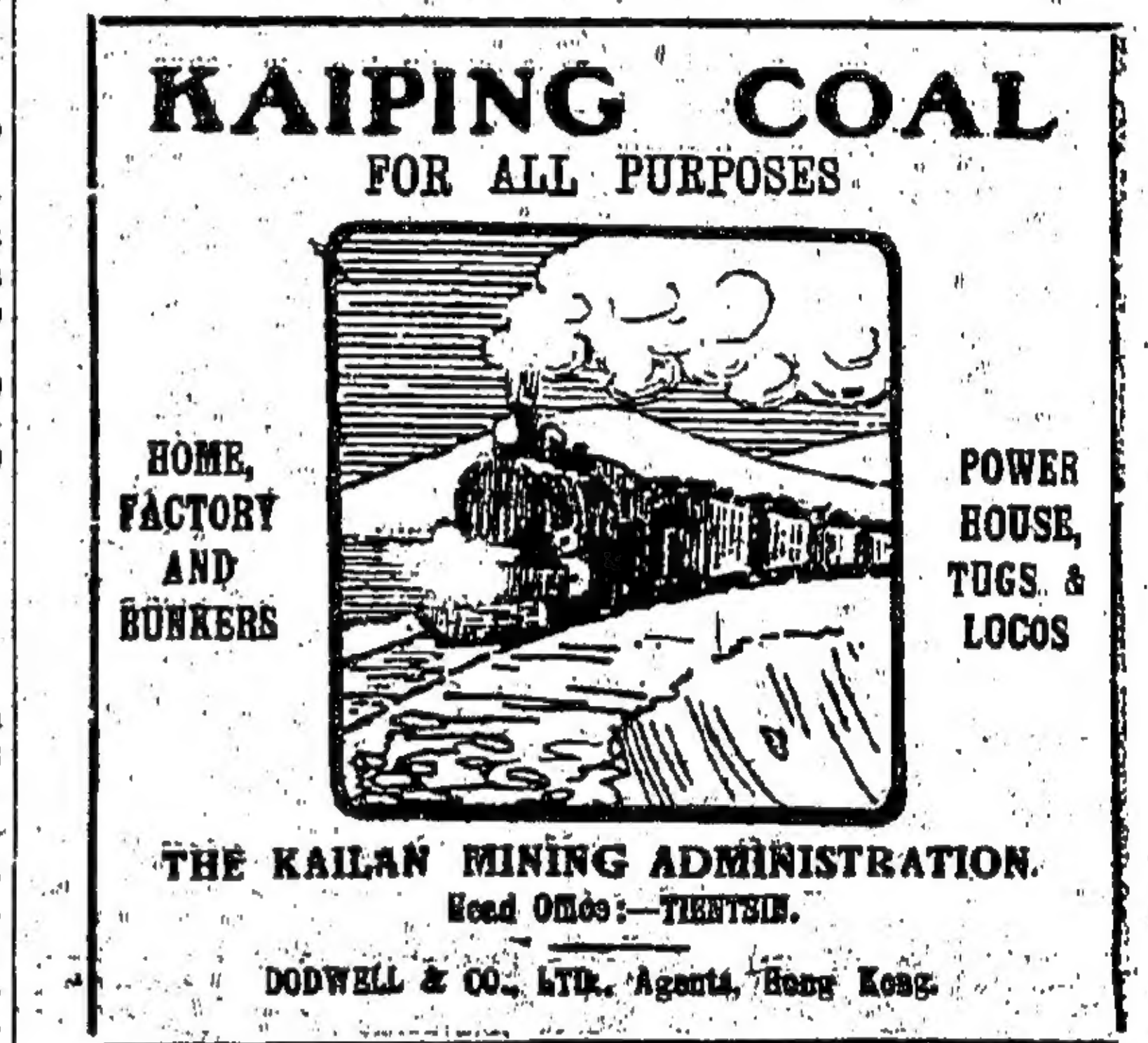


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1.45 Piano Duets by Sawicki and Landauer.
The Great Waltz-Selection. Roses in December (film 'Life of the Party'); Rosalie (from the film).
1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 Songs by Turner Layton at the Piano.
Alone Again (Harry Woods); A Rendezvous with a Dream (film 'Poppy'); I Want the Whole World to Love You (Bryan and Marks).
1.15 Nat Gonella and His Georgians.
Fox-Trots-The Dipsy Doodle; Jubilee (film 'Every Day's a Holiday'); Quickstep-Get Hot; Slow Fox-Trot-Makin' A Fool of Myself. Fox-Trots-Oompa Goo; Big Chief 'Swing It' (film 'The Joy Parade').
1.30 Reuter and Burby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.45 Compositions of Grieg.
In The Boat, Op. 60, No. 3-Kirsten Flagstad (Soprano) with Piano. Peer Gynt, Suite No. 2, Op. 55-Night Symphony Orchestra. I Love Thee-Richard Crooks (Tenor) with Orchestra. Solitary Traveller, Op. 43, No. 2; Brooklet, Op. 62, No. 4-Eileen Joyce (Piano).
1.50 Close down.
2.00 Closing Local Stock Quotations.
2.04 London Relay-The News.
2.15 London Relay-Questions of the Hour.
2.30 Dance Music.
Fox-Trots-The Singing Hills; I've Got My Eyes On You (film 'Broadway Melody of 1940'-Joe Loss and His Orchestra. Quickstep-You gorgeous dancing doll; Slow Fox-Trot-When June comes-Mantovani & His Music for Dancing Fox-Trots-I Wouldn't Take A Million (film 'Young People'); Looking for Yesterday-Tommy Dorsey and His Orch. Fox-Trot-Whether Me Old Cock Sparrow; Waltz-Don't Ever Pass Me By-Jack

Payne and His Band. Fox-Trot-The Day We Met Again-Carroll Gibbons and the Savoy Hotel Orchestra.
2.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
2.03 Dvorak-Quartet in A Flat Major, Op. 105.
Prague String Quartet.
2.30 Studio-Plane Recital by Harry Ore.
1. Sonata No. 3 in F Sharp Minor, Op. 23 (Scriabin)-1st Mov: Dramatic; 2nd Mov: Allegretto; 3rd Mov: Andante; 4th Mov: Presto con fuoco.
2. (a) Cradle Song (Tchaikovsky); (b) Polonaise (Tchaikovsky).
2.30 London Relay-The News and News Commentary.
2.50 London Relay-Talk: 'Books and People'.
3.45 Rachmaninoff-Concerto No. 2 in C Minor, Op. 18.
1st Mov: Allegro moderato; 2nd Mov: Adagio sostenuto; 3rd Mov: Allegro scherzando-Sergei Rachmaninoff (Piano) and the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra cond. by Leopold Stokowski.
10.15 Three Songs by Tito Schipa (Tenor).
O Del Mio Amato Ben (Donaudy); Oh, How Can I Forget (Barthelemy); Napulitana (Costa).
10.30 Half an hour of Spanish Music.
Spanish Dance (Granados-Kreisler); Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) with Piano. Un Barcarole Alegre (Medina-Villa-Pardo); Sentir Gitano (Morode Aquino-Munoz Arenillas)-Conchita Supervia (Mezzo-Soprano) with Orchestra. Festival in Seville (Albeniz)-Philadelphia Symphony Orch. conducted by Leopold Stokowski. If I could forget Your Eyes (Albeniz); Eres Tu (Sandoval)-Benjamin Glil (Tenor) with Orchestra. Romanza Aduhuza (Spanish Dance), Op. 22 (Sarrazate)-Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) with Piano.
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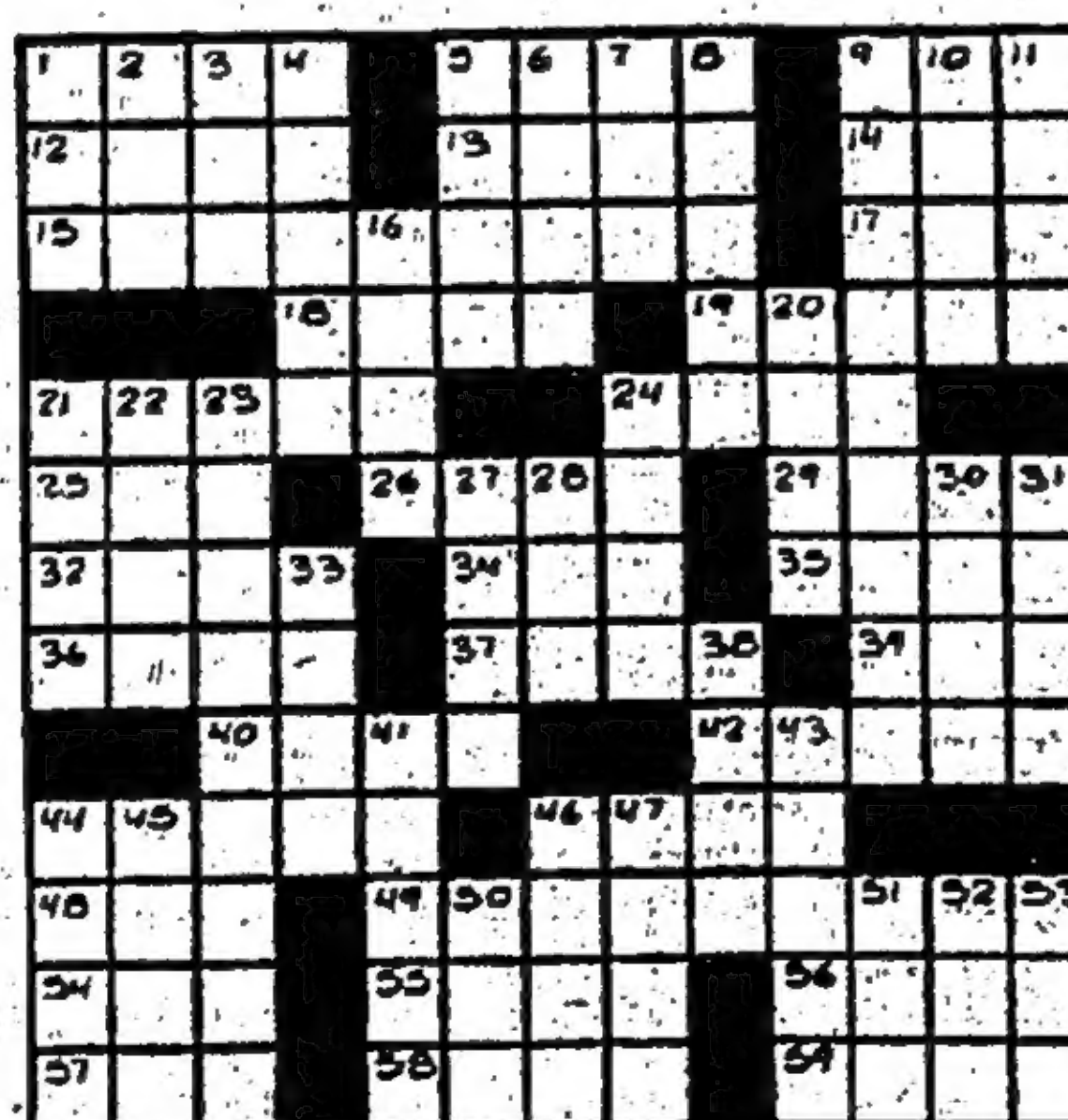
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6-Tides: High 12.50 a.m. and 4.50 p.m. Low 8.31 a.m. and 7.40 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.50 a.m.; Sunset: 5.20 p.m.
Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.P.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.-12 noon.
Cheero Club, Darts and Table Tennis: Concert, 9 p.m.
Official Dinner at Govt. House for Sir John Latham and Commodore A. G. Collinson, 8.15 p.m.
Crown Lands Sale, D.O. South, 11 a.m.
Volunteer Nursing Detachment, Lecture on First Aid, St. John's Place, 8.30 p.m.
Y.W.C.A. Sale of Toys, National Bank Bldg., 1 p.m.-5 p.m.
7-Tides: High 1.23 a.m. and 5.15 p.m. Low 9.23 a.m. and 8.58 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.50 a.m.; Sunset: 5.20 p.m.
Christ Church, Annual Bazaar.
Annual Lawn Bowls Match-St. George's Society v St. Andrew's Society, K.B.O.C., 1.30 p.m.
Charity Soccer, Kwong Wah v. H.K. P.C. (1st Div.).
Concert at K.C.C. by Band of Royal Scots, 8.15 p.m.
H.K. Polo Club, K.O.V.L.I. Cup Final.
H.K. Football Referees' Assn. Annual Dinner, Hotel Cecil, 8 p.m.
Yenching Alumni Dinner Dance, Peninsula Hotel, 8 p.m.
St. Stephen's Girls' College, Sale of Work, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Chinese Play, 7.30 p.m.
H.E. The Acting Governor to Entertain Boy Scouts at Mountain Lodge, 2-6 p.m.
Y.W.C.A. Sale of Toys, National Bank Bldg., 1 p.m.-5 p.m.
8-Tides: High 1.04 a.m. and 5.55 p.m. Low 10.16 a.m. and 11.40 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.51 a.m.; Sunset: 5.20 p.m.
H.K. Golf Championship-First and Second Rounds.
Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group, 9 p.m.
Macao Jockey Club's December Meeting.
9-Tides: High 4.50 a.m. and 6.26 p.m. Low 11.04 a.m.
Sunrise: 6.52 a.m.; Sunset: 5.20 p.m.
Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.P.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.-12 noon.
H.K. Society for Protection of Children, Annual Meeting, Helena May Inst., 5.30 p.m.
Crown Land Sale, P.W.D., 3 p.m.
Y.M.C.A. Women's War Work, 9 a.m.-12 noon; Swimming and Swimming Instruction; Billiards Match, 7.30 p.m.
H.K. University Arts Assn. Speech Competition, 8.30 p.m.
10-Tides: High 6.20 a.m. and 6.54 p.m. Low 12.40 a.m. and 11.50 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.53 a.m.; Sunset: 5.40 p.m.
Claims against estate of Chas. Lapentz due.
H.K. Rotary Club Tiffin Meeting, 1 p.m.
Evacuation Representative Committee Meeting, Peninsula Hotel, 5.15 p.m.
Y.M.C.A. Badminton & Swimming, 6 p.m.-8 p.m.
11-Tides: High 7.25 a.m. and 7.15 p.m. Low 1.29 a.m. and 12.30 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.53 a.m.; Sunset: 5.40 p.m.
Ying Wah Alumni O.B.A. Reunion Dinner, Orig. Lok Yuen, Des Voeux Road.
Badminton League starts.
Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.P.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.-12 noon.
Kowloon Chess Club, Annual Dinner, 8 p.m.
King's College, Prize Day, 11 a.m.
H.K.F.A. Council Meeting, 5.30 p.m.
Y.M.C.A. Women's War Work, 9 a.m.-12 noon; Swimming and Swimming Instruction; Chess Night, 6 p.m.-11 p.m.
12-Tides: High 8.20 a.m. and 7.36 p.m. Low 2.06 a.m. and 1.07 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.53 a.m.; Sunset: 5.40 p.m.
H.K. Y's Men's Club Tiffin Mtg., 1 p.m.
Y.M.C.A. Squash, 6 p.m.-11 p.m.; Hockey, 4.30 p.m.; Swimming.
13-Tides: High 9.37 a.m. and 8.03 p.m. Low 2.43 a.m. and 1.45 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.54 a.m.; Sunset: 5.40 p.m.
Claims against A.E.G. Electric Co., H.K. Telge and Schroeter, H.K. German Leather Trading Co., H.K. (liquidation) due.
H.K. Chinese Women's Club Bazaar.
Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.P.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.-12 noon.
Music Hall, 1940-China Fleet Club Theatre.
14-Tides: High 9.50 a.m. and 8.35 p.m. Low 2.52 a.m. and 2.18 p.m.
Sunrise: 6.55 a.m.; Sunset: 5.41 p.m.
H.K. Chinese Women's Club Bazaar.
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NAZI OIL SUPPLIES CHIEF OBJECTIVE OF THE R.A.F.

LONDON, Dec. 5 (Reuter).—If Germany runs short of oil she must stop fighting. It is with this belief uppermost in mind that the R.A.F. have shaped their operations. And the R.A.F. know a trick worth two of bombing oil wells. What this trick is was explained, among other things, by the Minister of Economic Warfare, Mr. Hugh Dalton, at the Press conference yesterday.

The British blockade, said Mr. Dalton, is working well and the enemy are growing uncomfortably short of certain commodities. Oil, rubber and copper, looted by Germany from occupied territories, are now exhausted, and Germany is back where she was six months ago.

The safety margin of oil in Germany has not yet been touched, but she is using more oil than she is producing as a result of R.A.F. attacks on supplies, storage and the transport system, and the disappointing supplies received from Russia.

HEAD OF LIST

He recommended targets in Germany to the Air Ministry and he always kept oil near the head of the list.

In Italy, Bari had always been the R.A.F.'s number one target; it is economically more important than Milan or Turin as the most important oil stocks in Italy are kept there.

Speaking of the difficulty of transporting the Humana oil, Mr. Dalton said that as crude oil was not very inflammable it was impossible to suggest bombing the Humana wells. Rather wait until Germany had spent labour and time refining and transporting it, and then bomb it.

ITALIAN SHORTAGE

Italy would feel the pinch even before Germany, said Mr. Dalton, because she had no synthetic oil plant and there was little doubt that her supplies were growing short, and she had to get replenishment from Germany.

Mr. Dalton would like to see an increasing mobilisation of reserves of United States production set aside for Britain and her Allies, and added "there have been exchanges of views with the United States on the matter."

GERMAN TOWNS BOMBED

EXPLOSIONS, FIRES OBSERVED

LONDON, Dec. 5 (Reuter).—Mannheim and Ludwigshafen which were linked across the Rhine by a most important bridge which was used by rail and foot traffic, were attacked by British bombers on Tuesday night, despite unfavourable weather conditions.

In both towns, fires and explosions were observed.

The R.A.F. also attacked a blast furnace plant at Essen, while

PRINTERS HOAX WANG

CHUNGKING, Dec. 5 (Central).—The gambling house advertisement in yesterday's issue of the Central China Daily News, Wang Ching-wei's mouthpiece in Shanghai, containing the slogan "Down with the Traitor, Wang Chin-wei" is believed to be a piece of subtle sabotage by the printers, says a Shanghai dispatch.

The editorial did not discover the joke until they were informed by outsiders in the afternoon. When an investigation was made, they found all the printers had disappeared.

No British Recognition For Nanking "Government"

LONDON, Dec. 5 (Reuter).—Mr. Morgan can rest assured that His Majesty's Government will maintain close contact with the United States Government in all matters of common interest.

This was Mr. R.A. Butler's reply to Mr. Morgan's query cabled yesterday inviting a joint Anglo-American declaration in opposition to the so-called new order which Japan is trying to introduce in China and the whole Pacific.

Replying to Mr. Gower's question inviting a statement on Britain's policy towards the Nanking "Government," Mr. Butler said: "His Majesty's Government has repeatedly made known its attitude which is to recognise the National Government of China as the Government of China."

AFRICAN OPERATIONS

CAIRO, Dec. 5 (Reuter).—It was announced here yesterday that in British air operations in Italian East Africa, Kassala was heavily raided.

Bombs were dropped on enemy fortified positions and a motor transport and park were strangled.

British aircraft also machine-gunned a transport and enemy personnel.

SENSATIONAL CHANGES IN WESTERN EUROPE ARE FORECAST

NEW BERLIN-PARIS AXIS?

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (Reuter).—Private reports from Europe, forecasting sensational changes in Western Europe and in the Mediterranean in the near future, are being eagerly discussed by some of the better informed diplomatic sources in Washington.

The reports declare that the internal situation in Italy is rapidly deteriorating and there is much dissatisfaction among the people but it is not yet crystallised because the opposition to the regime is still without a leader and, in addition, there has been a number of extensions of dissatisfied elements.

A friction is also reported between Signor Mussolini and Marshal Graziani and it is stated that he has twice refused to obey orders to attack on the Egyptian front until reinforcements of men and material have reached him and these apparently cannot be sent.

As a result of these developments, together with the Italian reverses in Albania and the refusal of the Italian Fleet to meet the British Navy, it is reported that Berlin now considers Italy's usefulness as a partner almost irreparably damaged.

BERLIN-PARIS AXIS?

It is believed here that Herr Hitler is seeking nothing less than a new Axis between Berlin and Paris and M. Laval's modest visit in Berlin is connected with this project.

In support of these reports, the well-informed weekly paper, "Foreign Correspondence," says it is believed that Laval is willing to give his backing to the project if the rewards to France are sufficiently inviting.

Diplomatic sources state reports from Europe indicate that Hitler finds Mussolini unreliable and troublesome and he would therefore find the remains of the French Fleet, plus the French Mediterranean bases, more useful against Britain than any contribution Signor Mussolini has yet made or likely to make and he consequently allowed M. Laval to understand that a handsome

price could be paid by Germany for such assistance against Britain.

THREE OBSTACLES

To these are at present three obstacles—feeling in unoccupied France, Marshal Petain and General Weygand.

M. Laval, it is understood, feels that with the Press under his control and the handsome rewards in the offing (presumably at the expense of both Britain and Italy) he could overcome the French feeling.

Marshal Petain, it is said, however, remains unwilling. General Weygand is difficult to persuade, because he understood the feeling in the semi-independent French Colonial Empire in Africa which would be a strong bargaining factor in any future peace conference and he is less sure now than he was in June that Germany will preside at such a conference.

INCIDENTAL DEVELOPMENT

An incidental development in the Mediterranean, according to the same diplomatic sources, is possible German seizure of Trieste.

Washington circles are linking the urgent efforts to get Admiral Leahy on his way to Vichy as United States Ambassador with these developments while M. Laval is anxious to get Marshal Petain to Versailles, out of reach of diplomats and Frenchmen who might persuade him not to accept the Hitler plan.

TERRIFIC NAZI AIR LOSSES

British A.A. Gunners Take Heavy Toll

LONDON, Dec. 5 (Reuter).—In 14 months of the war, Britain and her allies have accounted for over 6,000 enemy planes not including "possibles" or "probables."

To date British anti-aircraft gunners have shot down over 400 enemy planes over Britain, 300 by day and over 100 by night. British losses over Britain total 850 planes or more than a 3-to-1 victory. Better still, 415 pilots were saved to fly again, a victory of 7.1/2 to 1.

Hitler's worst months were August, when 1,095 enemy planes were brought down, and September when 1,071 German planes were shot out of the sky.

YESTERDAY'S ACTIVITY

Enemy activity over Britain yesterday was very slight. Shortly after midnight, according to an Air Ministry communiqué, bombs were dropped on Dover doing some damage but causing few casualties.

One enemy bomber was shot down over the Dutch coast by British fighters without loss to themselves.

U.S. BUILT PLANES

LONDON, Dec. 5 (Reuter).—It is revealed that an American built aircraft took the photographs of the damaged Italian warships at Taranto and the R.A.F. are enthusiastic over the performance the American aircraft they are now using.

They have fought their way successfully through many operations, particularly in the Middle East.

The R.A.F. have come to regard with real affection the Lockheed Hudsons which are proving such a valuable aid to Britain's Coastal Command and which have taken part in hundreds of bombing raids from Norway to the Bay of Biscay.

EXECUTIVE YUAN COUNSELLOR

CHUNGKING, Dec. 5 (Central).—The National Government in a minute issued yesterday appointed Mr. Sun Hsiao-lou, Counsellor of the Executive Yuan.

Italy Will Be Broken If She Attacked In Egypt

LONDON, Dec. 5 (Reuter).—Britain has neglected nothing to ensure that Egypt's defences are impregnable, writes the Editor of the Cairo newspaper, Al-Misri, following a tour of the Western Desert.

Signor Mussolini, he writes, gave Marshal Graziani, his most able and experienced desert fighter, the task not only of securing Italian domination of Egypt but also of conquering the Mediterranean and the Red Sea.

The strong defences of the British forces have caused this dream to melt away. "If in Albania Italy is already yielding under Greek blow she will snap asunder in the Western Desert."

JAPANESE ARMY PROCLAMATION

SEQUEL TO PEIPING ASSASSINATION

TOKYO, Dec. 5 (Reuter).—A proclamation threatening "effective action" to crush lawlessness in Peiping was issued by the Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese Army in North China.

This follows the assassination of a Japanese infantry colonel in the city's main street by an unknown Chinese on Saturday.

Since then the tension has been acute.

The proclamation states that various Japanese and Chinese organs will be used to suppress disorders.

KASSALA SECTOR ACTIVITY

CAIRO, Dec. 5 (Reuter).—British patrols were again active to North and South Kassala inflicting casualties on the enemy without loss to themselves, states yesterday's G.H.Q. communiqué.

There was no change in the situation on other fronts.

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Smart Police Work: Three Men Committed For Trial

SMART POLICE WORK PREVENTED WHAT MIGHT HAVE DEVELOPED INTO A SYSTEMATIC HOLDING UP OF TAXICABS and which resulted in three men being charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry at the Central Magistracy yesterday on counts of robbery and attempted robbery by two or more.

The accused, LI CHING, 25, unemployed coolie, LI TSOI, 35, earth cooler, and LI SHIM, alias LI KA-SIM, 31, unemployed, were alleged to have robbed Mak Siu-tong, taxi-driver, of 55 cents at Tai Hang Road on Nov. 10.

MADAME SUN FO TO OPEN CHARITY BAZAAR TODAY

What promises to be a function of considerable interest is the bazaar to be opened at 2.30 p.m. today in the Chinese Recreation Club at Causeway Bay by Mme. Sun Fo, wife of the President of the Legislative Yuan.

This bazaar, organised by the Hongkong Chinese Women's Soldiers' Relief Association, is under the direction of Mrs. Rose Tan, chairman of the H.K.C.W.S.R.A., and a corps of helpers and there will be attractions and games for old and young.

The bazaar, which will continue for three days beginning this afternoon, will remain open from 2.30 to 11 p.m. today, tomorrow and on Sunday it will be open from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

FUN IN PLENTY

Apart from a dozen kinds of amusements for children, tasty candies, tea and refreshments, fruits, flowers, etc., there will be stalls for woolens, and knitted garments, Chinese products, dolls and dolls' cribs, children's clothes, curios and ancient and modern Chinese pictures, needlework, etc. Then the staff of the Sun Ying Ming Photographers' Studio will be on hand to give their services free of charge, while a professional fortune-teller will read one's hands and face and give the entire proceeds to the work of the Hongkong Chinese Women's Soldiers' Relief Association.

The Chung Shing Benevolent Society's Band has kindly consented to attend and to render musical selections during the three days of the bazaar.

It is hoped that the public will give the function its fullest support by digging deeper into their pockets and helping a very worthy cause. Incidentally, tickets which are being sold, may be exchanged for goods and one may be sure that one will obtain at this bazaar some very attractive bargains.

Rice Price Fixed By Government

The following order is made by Mr. G. S. Kennedy-Skipiton, Controller of Food, in the Hongkong Government Gazette Extraordinary issued yesterday:

The maximum prices for the following grades of rice shall, until further notice, be as follows:—

Grade No. 1	15 cents per catty.
Grade No. 2	15 cents per catty.
Grade No. 3	14 cents per catty.
Broken	12 cents per catty.

cents for 5 catties.

EXPORTS PROHIBITED

The following notification was received from the office of the Colonial Secretary yesterday for publication:

"With reference to the Government Gazette Extraordinary published today, it is notified for general information that it is hoped that the measures for the limitation of retail prices of rice are purely temporary in view of the attempted raising of the wholesale price to an unwarrantable level by suppliers abroad. With a view to conservation of adequate stocks here the export of rice from the Colony is being prohibited meanwhile."

The Earl of Abingdon, Seymour-street, W., was fined £20 at Bow-street for permitting a light to be shown after dark from a bathroom window, the defence pleading that the house had been left in charge of junior servants.

STRONG APPEAL FOR FUNDS

Repair Of Devastated Kunming Hospital

The Hui Tien Hospital, Kunming, was bombed recently by Japanese aircraft and rendered useless and \$40,000 is now urgently needed to build emergency accommodation of mud brick to resume its work.

This was revealed on Wednesday evening when a strong appeal for support of the campaign, which was recently launched in aid of the hospital, was made by Dr. W. W. Yen, former Chinese Ambassador to Soviet Russia, at a dinner of the St. John's University Alumni Association.

Dr. Yen stated that of the amount needed two-thirds have already been pledged by Hongkong individuals and public organisations, the Hongkong Chinese Bankers' Association having promised to contribute \$10,000, the Bank of China, \$5,000, while the Chinese Red Cross Society is to raise a handsome amount.

The Hui Tien Hospital is the only British Medical establishment on the Burma Road between Lashio and Chungking and is the largest in Yunnan and Kweichow.

FOREIGNER FOUND DEAD IN SHAI

NO CLUES AS TO IDENTITY

West Hongkong detectives were confronted with a mystery in Shanghai, on Nov. 28, following the discovery of a male foreigner in Lane 59 off North Kianse Road at 5.30 a.m. The man was taken to the General Hospital in an emergency ambulance, but no aid was required as the man was dead.

The deceased appeared to be about 55 years of age, was slightly bald, with a gray moustache and a goatee beard. When discovered, he was wearing a checked gray coat, leather jerkin, gray gabardine trousers and brown boots.

NO CLUES

No clues as to his identity were found by the police, who, however, stated that he had a Union Jack emblem in the lapel of his coat. He was also tattooed on both arms. A dagger and heart were on the right arm, while a flower with "Union" crossed flags, a cross and figures 26-12-71 were on the left. The man was about six feet tall.

The tattoo marks and the Union Jack emblem led the detectives to believe that the deceased was a Briton, but his identity continued to remain a mystery.—N.C.D.N.

CATTLE DEALER KIDNAPPED IN SHANGHAI

With one kidnapping case still unsolved in Shanghai, Bubbling Well station detectives were faced with another mystery on Nov. 23 when Tang Wu-sung, a cattle dealer, was carried away from a Chinese tea house at 65 Avenue Haig at about 7.30 a.m. reports the North China Daily News. This crime came close on the heels of the abduction of a four-year old Chinese boy, who was taken away by gangsters.

The latest victim, a wealthy cattle dealer, is 37 years old and a native of Pootung. He resides at 1462/17 Avenue Edward VII. On Nov. 23, he was sitting tea at the Avenue Haig tea house when five armed men came up in a Taylor Garage hire car.

VICTIM SINGLED OUT

Telling the chauffeur to wait for them, the men entered the place where they intimidated the patrons with their guns and singled out their victim. They then left the tea house and ordered the chauffeur to drive to Yu Yuen Road.

When the latter hesitated, the kidnappers told him that they were from 78 Jessfield Road. At the corner of Yu Yuen and Tifens Roads, the chauffeur was thrown out of the taxi, which sped along in a westerly direction, driven by one of the gang. The chauffeur went to the Bubbling Well police station immediately where he reported the case.

The taxi was later found in Yu Yuen Road, but no further developments in the case were reported yesterday.

Commercial Department Debate

ASIA'S ECONOMIC PROGRESS

An inter-class debate on the subject "That the economic progress of Asia depends more on America than on Europe," was held by the Commercial Department of the University yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Ratna Kutrakul, senior, led the proposition with Mr. Yeung as seconder. Mr. Tang Shun-ken, junior, was the only opposition speaker since his seconder did not turn up at the last moment.

The proposition argued that Europe of today was torn by war and would forever be haunted by war, since the end of one war meant the preparation for another. Statistics were produced to show the obvious trend increasing reliance of the new, vigorous, and an awakening Asia on America for economic progress.

POLITICAL FACTORS

The opposer's refutation was based on historical background and political factors. America with its foreign policy of non-involvement in the politics of countries other than its own would never do, unless with the full co-operation of Russia and Great Britain, he said. Concluding, he livelihood, law and order, and institution of Asia, only Great Britain and other great European countries had the capacity to do so.

A straw vote was cast by the audience at the end of the debate, which resulted in 13-9 against the resolution.

Miss Archer and Prof. Robertson, of the Department, were present. Mr. Luk Man-hei was in the chair.

A.R.P. ORDERS

(Continued from Yesterday)

STRENGTH-INCREASE

The following have qualified as Wardens and are posted to Divisions as hereunder:—

Upper Levels.—Miss Au Shuk-ching, 634, Chan Kam 647, Chan Lun 668, Chan Tak-ming 664, Miss Chow May-may 1607, Hong Kong-yuen 1612, Kam Wing-kong 2787, Kwong Kau 2788, Lam Chi-ming 2789, Law Yit-hung 2790, Lee Wai-bun 2791, Miss Li Yuk-lan 2792, Tse Hon-chiu 2793, Miss Tsui Kam-oi 2794, Miss Wong Chun-nel 2795, Wong Kang 2796, Wong Pak-kee 2797, Miss Wong Yat-chiu 618, Yau Kwok-hung, 2798, Yau Wai-man 2800, Lai Kam-kong 2813, Luk Sing-wo 2825, Tong Kwong yun 2838.

Bay View.—Miss Lam Hoi-ang 2778, Eastern.—Au Ping-tong, 2850, Lai Tse-leung 2851, Chan Chung-nin 2914, Z. el Abbas 2915, Miss Li Wai-may 2916, Mak Ling-sun 2917, Miss Choi Tak-hing 2918, Lau Yiu-tung 2852, Lo Chi-yung 2853, Loh Ping-nam 2854, Mak, To-kin 2856, Mok Yuck-loong 2857, Ng Ho-chuen 2858, Pang Chee-keung 2736, Wong Chan-cho 2771, Wong Ping-wa 2772, Wong Shu-wah 2859, Young Man-ho 2860, Chan Ping-yin 2861.

Central.—Yu Sun 2801, Miss Chan Chee-tin 121, Chan Kin-lun 2802, Chan Tse-ka 2803, Cheung Sai-yuk 2805, Chiu Pei-hoi 2806, Chiu Yat-chun 2807, Miss Chung In-tung 2808, Ho Pong 2809, Ho Yee-kam 2810, Io Kam-lung 2775, Kwong Kin-kwong 2811, Lai Kam-chu 2812, Lau Chi-king 2814, Lau Kam-yuen 2815, Lau Yiu-chuen 2816, Lee Yau-yun 2818, Leung Kam-tim 2819, Miss Ling Hon-ming 2821, Ling Yuen-ming 2822, Lo Koo-lin 2823, Miss Ng Hon-king 2827, Miss Ng Hon-ye 2828, Pang Lai-sun 2829, Shum Yiu-hung 2830, Miss So Pung-lan 2831, Suen Ki-cheung 2833, To Tak-loong 2835, Tong Wang-yuet 2837, Tsang Man-chi 2838, Wat Chung-yin 2839, Wong Kwok-kit 2840, Wu Chai-man 2842, Yau Sing-bock 2843, Yau Sing-chiu 2844, Miss Yau Sing-wah, 2845, Miss Yau Yik-wun 2846, Yeung Kwai-ting 2847, Yeung Wah-fai 2848, Yuen Chu 2849, Chu Tso-lip 2911, Chung Tak-ai 2890, Li Kin-wun 2912, Ho Shing-chung 2457, Kwok Chi-wing 2460, Yuen Yau-man 2680, Yung Wing-chi 2774.

Shaokwan.—Kwok Pook-hung 2871, Miss Lau Yui-hing 2872, Leung Ying-wai 2873, Yuen Hui-look 2874.

Quarry Bay.—Chan Chau 2861, Chan Tai-piu 2862, Cheung Po-ming 2863, Kam Mun-keung 2777, Kwok Kam-king 2864, Leung Wai-man 2866, Ng King-jack 2867, Pui Wan-chak 2868, Yeung Chee-ming 2869, Yeung Po-tim 2870, Cheung Wing-lak 2720.

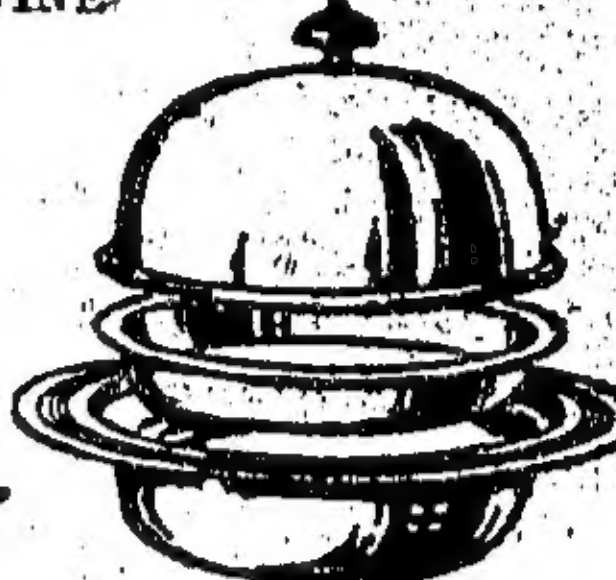
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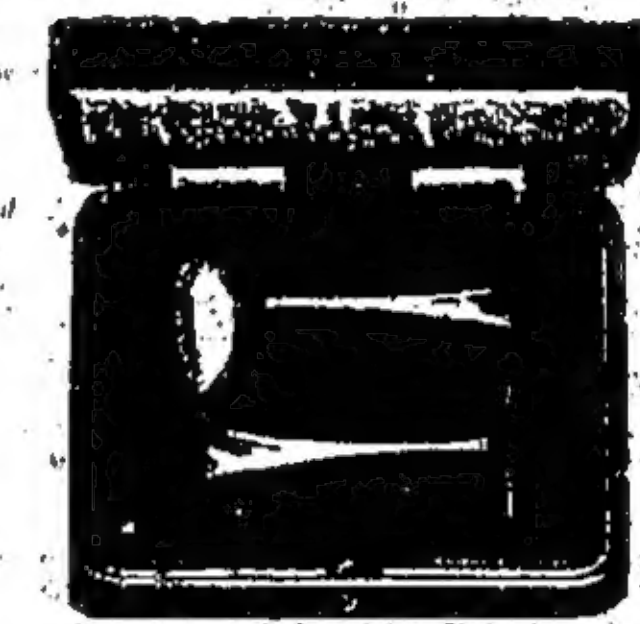


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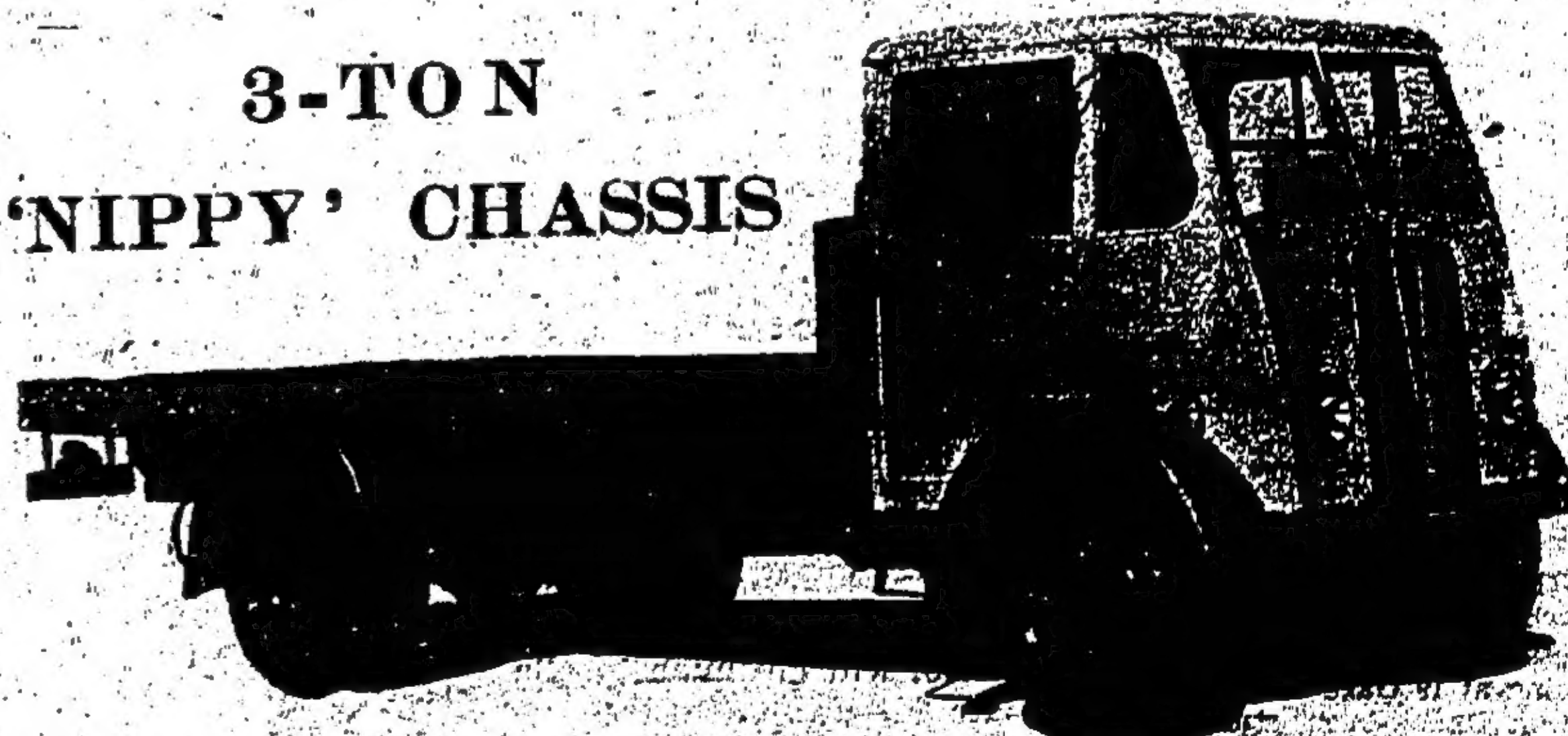
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PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 9th day of December, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Blue Pool Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Area in Acres	Area in Sq. Yds.	Area in Sq. Ft.	Upset Price
Lot No. 6076		North West of Island Lot No. 6074, Blue Pool Road.	As per sale plan	About 21,000	570	12,400	638

WEDDING CEREMONY
AT REGISTRY

The wedding between Mr. Tam Tack-on, member of the staff of Messrs. Wainer and Co., and residing at 18 Gage Street, and Miss Kwan Chung-kuen, student, of 72 Peel Street, took place yesterday at the Registry, Supreme Court. Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Registrar of Marriages, officiated.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following forthcoming weddings are announced:
Mr. Lin Yueh-ning, staff of the Foo Shing Trading Corp., residing at 41 Hillwood Road, Kowloon, and Miss Liu Yueh-chen, teacher, of 39 Wong-nai-chong Road, Happy Valley.

Mr. Liu Kai-yan, clerk, of 174 Yee Kuk Street, Shamshuipo, and Miss Chan Hon-yung, of 120 Adilu Street, Shamshuipo.

The wedding took place on Nov. 28 at the British Consulate-General, Shanghai, of Mr. J. W. Chapman, of the China Printing and Finishing Co., Ltd., and son of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Chapman of Berkhamstead, Hertfordshire, and Miss Lydia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Josef Horaky of Shanghai. The bride's attendant was Miss E. A. Rodgers. Mr. C. Ashworth was bestman and Mr. G. H. Githwaite acted as witness.

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PROFITEERING

THE REACTIONS of the public in Hongkong to the alarming increase in the price of rice locally show how seriously the problem is viewed by nearly every section of the community. The question everyone is asking is: Where is the justification for this increase in the price of a staple commodity when the Colony was assured not so long ago that there were sufficient stocks in the Colony to meet any emergency? The error that has been made appears to be that the question of control of food prices has, in the main, been solely directed towards imported canned goods, when only a relatively small proportion of the population in Hongkong depend on such commodities for their daily consumption. Even this control has given rise to a deal of profiteering, as retailers, who were previously selling below the control price, lost no time in increasing the prices on their stocks in hand to the level fixed by the controller. With no control so far over the price of rice, profiteers jumped at the first opportunity of filling their pockets at the expense of the poorest section of the population, as the soaring prices of the last few days has shown.

WITH THE EXPERIENCE of the 1925 rice riots before them, it is gratifying to learn that the Government is now devising a scheme for fixing the retail price of rice which, according to the Food Controller, "will be fair to all parties concerned." It is important that this scheme should be put into operation without loss of time and we have no doubt that the Government is well aware of its urgency. The difficulty with which the Government is faced seems to be in finding the necessary transportation for rice from Thailand and Indo-China, owing to the present uncertainty of the political situation in those countries. Rice dealers are apparently aware of this and are using it to an unscrupulous advantage. It is understood that the Government is studying means to enable the shipping of rice to be resumed from outside the Colony, but, in the meantime, strict price control will do much to alleviate the present distress.

RACKETEERING

HAND IN HAND with profiteering in the Colony—and incidentally this profiteering is also evident in other essentials, such as meat, pork, poultry and charcoal, to name just a few—goes racketeering. The present difficulties which the people of Hongkong are enduring in the matter of their daily existence and obedience to orders and restrictions imposed on them are providing the "squeeze" racketeers with glorious opportunities for continuing their nefarious methods. The ramp that is being operated now against those who daily crowd round the Immigration Office is a glaring example of the fine art to which this contemptible practice has been brought. This particularly obnoxious form of

NO CASE TO ANSWER:
CLAIM FOR KEROSENE
OIL DISMISSED

A claim for \$948, being the value of 330 tins of kerosene oil which plaintiffs alleged were wrongfully taken by the defendant, and converted to her own use, was brought by the Man Hing Tai firm, of Shataukok, against Ko Lai-sang, woman, trading as the Yat Sang Cheung firm, also of Shataukok, before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, at the Supreme Court yesterday.

Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ appeared for the plaintiffs, while the defendant was represented by Mr. A. S. K. Lau.

Mr. Russ said that plaintiffs and defendant both carried on business at Shataukok, where they each had a shop on the British side of the border. The business of the defendant involved the ordering, on a small scale, of kerosene, whilst that of the plaintiffs also involved the ordering of kerosene but on a much larger scale.

After detailing two incidents which occurred before the present action, and in which, Mr. Russ said, plaintiffs had once seen defendant taking part in a consignment of kerosene belonging to them, and on another occasion when they had taken delivery of four tins of kerosene consigned to the defendant, Mr. Russ went on to say that these two incidents made the defendant very angry and that she threatened that she would take 100 tins of plaintiffs' kerosene for every one they took of hers.

VERY CROWDED

Mr. Russ went on to say that the kerosene were ordered from the A. P. Co. through their agents at Tai-po—the Yee Wo firm—by the plaintiffs' agents, the Shun Cheong Tai firm. A truck was sent by the plaintiffs on April 3 to take delivery of the oil, and the truck arrived at Shataukok on April 4, which was a "fair" day and also the day before the Ching Ming festival. Shataukok was very crowded on that day.

The lorry driver, on arrival, left the delivery chit on the desk in plaintiffs' premises, where it was overlooked. Defendant, noticing the large stock of kerosene on the truck with nobody taking delivery of it, got a few of her folk to get on and took delivery of the 300 tins. The lorry driver, who saw that they were Chiu Chow people—as were the plaintiffs—permitted them to remove the kerosene without asking them for the delivery chit.

When, after four or five days, plaintiffs found that the oil did not arrive they began to get suspicious. The accountant approached the defendant about the matter, but she denied all knowledge of the consignment. A kaifong also approached the defendant on behalf of the plaintiffs, as

"squeeze," of filching a couple of dollars from would-be applicants for the permits required under the new law, in order to make it possible for them to get the business over quickly, is being committed openly on one of Hongkong's main thoroughfares with the most amazing audacity.

BETTER POLICE supervision would probably reduce the evil practice to some extent, but would it not be better to make the crowds outside this office understand clearly that application forms can be obtained by writing in to the department concerned, or for provision to be made for dealing with a number of them commensurate with the ability of the staff at the Immigration Office and dispersing the rest? The question of protecting the public from squeeze rackets of this sort, however, is a very big one. The ramps round the cinemas and football grounds, where the sale of tickets is used to obtain an illegal profit from patrons and many other similar rackets, will all come within the purview of a general clean-up, if such is contemplated. All this makes it incumbent on the authorities to take drastic steps to rid the Colony of the undesirable who have managed to get in here and who are mainly responsible for this growing and intolerable menace.

FORKS LEAVE

Nothing happened, went on Mr. Russ, until some time after when two forks of the defendant's firm left and applied to another shop for a job. When asked why he left his former employment, one of the men said that he did not like the place and because his mistress was dishonest in that she had taken somebody's kerosene. This information was given to the Man Hing Tai firm.

On Dec. 3, said Mr. Russ, these two forks called at his office in a great state of agitation and stated that they had been threatened with gaol by one "Wong Wah" if they should give evidence on behalf of the plaintiffs. On his, Mr. Russ, writing to Mr. Lau in connexion with this matter the latter replied that the conversation between Wong Wah and the two ex-forks was of a very friendly nature.

After evidence had been given by Chan Chin, the accountant, of plaintiffs' firm, Yau Kwan, the lorry driver, a Chinese detective Wong Chark and Chan Shing, the two former forks, who gave contradictory evidence, his Lordship said after hearing all the evidence he found that the defendant had no case to answer. Judgment would, accordingly, be given for defendant with costs.

NEWSETTES

Mr. James Woo, Manila stock broker, is a visitor to Hongkong.

Mr. Chen Ching-men, Chinese Government official from Chungking, has arrived in Hongkong.

Mr. Paul Malone, President of the American Biscuit Company, Manila, arrived here yesterday.

Mr. Harold Peck, of the Singer Sewing Machines Co., arrived here yesterday from Manila.

Mr. Jose Fernandez, Director for the Compania Maritima, Manila, arrived in Hongkong yesterday from Manila.

Mr. Arthur G. Doyle, Far East Western Manager of 20th Century Fox Film Corporation, has arrived in Hongkong.

Mr. A. Alsbrook, Far Eastern representative of the Frederick Steams & Co., Manila, has arrived in Hongkong.

Mr. Hing Wan-chun, member of the Chinese Government Commission of Aeronautics, arrived in the Colony from Manila yesterday, with his family.

Mr. Manuel Cuadros, Commercial Counsellor, Chilean Legation at Tokyo, accompanied by his family arrived here from Manila and is en route to Shanghai.

The Hon. Mr. Norman Lockhart Smith, C.M.G., resumed duty as Colonial Secretary, with effect from yesterday.

Mr. William Fieldman, Asst. Manager of Feltman Bros, juvenile importers, embroidery manufacturers, has arrived in Hongkong en route to San Francisco.

The annual general meeting of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club will be held on Friday, Dec. 20, at 5.15 p.m., in Messrs. Jardine Matheson's Board Room.

A pictorial review of Java was shown in the free show night of the Ballroom and Soldiers' Home last evening, which was well attended.

Mr. Paul Luty, of the Passenger Department of the American Republic Lines, Manila, who is returning to the States for his home leave accompanied by Mrs. Luty, passed through the Colony yesterday.

Mr. J. Barnum, Far Eastern representative of the East Blue Ribbon Sales Co., who is leaving the Orient, passed through the Colony on home leave. He is travelling to San Francisco.

DARING
VILLAGE
ROBBERY

A daring robbery was carried out at Kam Tin on Sunday by a gang of six masked men, armed with three revolvers and an iron bar.

The robbers help up the village guards in the temple and stole from them money, a pistol and five rounds of ammunition. They then broke into two other houses where they robbed the occupants of money and valuables to the total value of \$45.70.

The gang remained in the village until 1 a.m. before they made good their escape.

The robbery occurred about two miles from the Sheung Shui Police Station.

Man Hacked
To DeathANOTHER DIES IN
HOSPITAL

The premises of the Chung Hwa Book Company, No. 3, Gilman's Bazaar, was the scene of an alleged chopper attack early yesterday morning in which one man was hacked to death and another critically wounded.

The latter died in hospital at 11.45 a.m.

Neighbours heard a commotion and shouts of "Save life." The Police were summoned and, on arrival found the door locked from the outside and they had to force their way in.

The Police found a man, Woo Tung-chiu, 23, accountant of the firm, lying in a pool of blood. The victim's head was practically severed from the body and there were also other wounds.

Found also on the floor was another man, Wong Shu-kam, 19-year-old, coolie employed by the company. Wong was alive but his condition was critical.

A blood-stained chopper, of the ordinary meat chopper type, was picked up on the scene.

No arrests have been made.

LIVING THE
LIFE OF A
THEOSOPHISTLecture By Rev.
J. L. Hadaway

The Rev. J. L. Hadaway, who will leave for the United States shortly, gave a very interesting lecture on "Living the theosophical life" at the Theosophical Society last evening.

The speaker explained what is the theosophical life, how it is different from ordinary life, and methods of living it. Referring to a theosophist's life, Mr. Hadaway said that the life characteristically led by the theosophist did not differ much in outward seeming from that of the man of the world.

Continuing, Mr. Hadaway stressed that everyone in the world had his own code, but in living a theosophical life one should be broad-minded.

Mr. Hadaway said that it was only when we lived theosophy that we could be able to convince others of what we said.

Dr. A. Fung, President of the Society, presided.

The Hon. Mr. Roland Arthur Charles North resumed duty as Secretary for Chinese Affairs, with effect yesterday.

Mr. Comdr. Herbert Tellman, U.S. Navy, who is travelling to San Francisco, accompanied by his wife and son, passed through Hongkong yesterday.

The returns of the two-day sale of work held jointly by the Salvation Army Home for Women and Girls and the Home for Blind Girls (Ebenezer House), which came to a close yesterday, netted about \$1,300 for the two institutions.

Thirty-five members of the Chinese Chemistry Society attended the monthly meeting of the Society in the form of a supper at Cafe Windy last evening. Dr. Wong Sun-yn was chairman. The speaker was Mr. A. H. B. Skinn, metallurgical chemist of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., who is a member of the Society. He dwelt on the subject of steel ingot. Mrs. Skinn was also present.

HELPING WAR EFFORT

Mobile Canteens For
London People Bombed
Out Of Their Homes

The following is a copy of a telegram from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, London, to the Acting Governor, Hongkong, dated Oct. 4, 1940:—

I am encouraged by the generosity shown by Colonial Governments to suggest for your consideration a further method of helping war effort which I hope will appeal to you particularly because of intimate link it will create between the Colonies and the public here.

Briefly, the proposal is that Colonial Governments should divert proportion of the funds either already subscribed or which they are proposing to contribute towards war effort, for the purchase of small mobile canteens for serving hot drinks and food to the people in London, and other centres who have been bombed out of their homes or who during the coming winter will have to spend long anxious nights in shelter away from their homes.

The Ministry of Food are extremely keen to co-operate and each canteen provided by a Colonial Government would bear prominently the name of the Colony (or some suitable local name if preferred). All possible publicity will be given and I know the form of help more than almost any other will serve to keep the name of the Colonies before the public and remind them vividly of the interest taken and the generous help given by the Colonies in time of trial.

The type of canteen to be used is at present under discussion. No details of cost are available but might range from approximately £185 to £1,000 dependent on the type finally chosen. If this idea appeals to you, as I very much hope it will, please let me know as early as possible and in the meantime any funds you are able to remit will be used to the best possible advantage.

LLOYD

ENTIRE AGREEMENT

The telegram from the Acting Governor, Hongkong, to the Secretary of State for the Colonies, London, dated Oct. 31, 1940, stated:—

Your personal telegram of Oct. 4. I entirely agree with the diversion from the funds already contributed of appropriate sum for one or more mobile canteens at your discretion.

GRATEFUL THANKS

The Secretary of State for the Colonies, London, sent the following telegram to the Acting Governor, Hongkong, dated Dec. 1, 1940:—

To help in urgently needed relief at Coventry arrangements were made for a mobile canteen to be put into immediate service in the city as a gift from the Colonial Empire. I felt sure that this action would accord with the wishes of the Colonial Empire and I have now had a message from the Mayor expressing deep appreciation of the citizens of Coventry and asking that their grateful thanks may be conveyed to the people of the Colonial Empire.

MOBILE CANTEENS

A sum of £1,500 has been remitted by cable to the Home Organisation on behalf of this colony towards the purchase of Mobile Canteens. These vehicles are greatly needed to carry food and comforts to the bombed areas to serve the homeless and desolate, the anti-aircraft warden, and various services engaged in rescue work.

The B.W.O.F. appeals to the generous public of Hongkong for donations. Amounts so subscribed should kindly be sent to the Hon. Treasurer, B.W.O.F. c/o the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corp., with instructions to earmark such monies for the purchase of "Mobile Canteens."

Speech Competition
At H.K. University

On Monday, Dec. 9, the Hongkong University Arts Association will hold a Speech Competition in order to encourage oratory among the students.

The Competition will commence at 8.30 p.m. in the Tang Chi Ngong Building, Hongkong University.

The judges will be Professor R. K. M. Simpson, M.C., M.A., the Rev. Father G. Byrne, S.J., and Mr. George She, M.A.

N.T. Relief Assn.
Monthly Returns

The New Territories Relief Association report for the month of November shows that a total of 14,122 cases were treated, during the period under review of which new cases totalled 4,307.

Ambulance No. 4156 and No. 1735 made 98 and 82 calls respectively, the number of patients carried totalling 152.

The Outpatients Department of the Haw Par Station treated 1,157 cases, new cases numbering 373. Inpatients at Cheung Chau numbered 73 (seven infants, 40 adults and 26 maternity cases).

T. Johnson, Mr. E. Koch, Mrs. E. Koch, Mr. D. Minton, Mr. E. Parrott, Miss M. Porter, Mr. W. Porter, Miss M. Porter, Mr. and Mrs. C. Roper, Miss M. Walker, Mrs. M. Williams.

FOR MANILA

Passengers for Manila by a Dutch liner, which left yesterday, were Mr. C. Anasawa, Mr. F. Bioga, Mr. E. N. Goetschel, Mr. W. Hewitt, Mr. J. E. Horton, Mr. E. T. McMullen, Rev. A. O. Pereira, Mr. C. Roehriort-Boyd and Mr. Roehriort. A passenger for Boeleleng was Mr. K. Schouten.

The ship is also carrying some 60 deportees from Macao for Macassar en route to Oimor.

Passengers for Singapore by another Dutch vessel, which left yesterday, were Mr. G. E. Dymovshire, Mr. L. D. Dymond, Capt. A. George and Mr. R. H. Peck.

Rockbottom Character Of British Soldier Remains The Same

EDUCATION STANDARD HIGHER: PHYSIQUE IMPROVED

Whatever differences there may be between the British Army of 1914 and the British Army of 1940, the rock-bottom character of the men remains the same," said MAJOR E. HASTINGS, a well-known military expert, when he spoke in London yesterday on the course and prospects of the war.

Pirates Take Cargo Valued At \$20,000

INCIDENT NEAR WAGLAN

Cargo to the total value of \$20,000 was stolen by armed pirates inside British waters yesterday morning, according to a report made to the Police by Li Chau, master of trading junk No. T5180H.

The attack occurred about 1 a.m. near Waglan Lighthouse where three Hoku junks drew alongside and fired a few shots at the trading craft.

The pirates sailed the junk to Po Toi Island where the master, a cargo owner and the crew were put ashore.

The victims were picked up by a passing junk and brought back to the Colony.

ANOTHER ATTACK

Another junk master, Sin King-fuk of No. T4791H, has reported that his junk was attacked by six robbers' sampans off Cheung Sha Village, Luk Fung district, outside of Colony waters and a cargo, including 240 sacks of rice, an anchor, length of wire and clothing, to the total value of \$4,000, was taken. The robbers were armed with rifles.

During the last few months, he said, he had seen the British Army doing guard along the Channel coast, manning searchlights and anti-aircraft guns and it was interesting to note the differences between this Army and that of 1914.

There was no doubt about one thing—the standard of education was much higher and the physique showed a great improvement.

Major Hastings went on to quote a passage from Shakespeare's "King Henry the Fifth" where a conversation took place between the King and the rank and file on the eve of battle. Those men, he said, might have been the men of 1914 or the men of 1940.

"Fight? Yes, they will fight all right," said the speaker, "and without illusions and ballyhoo."

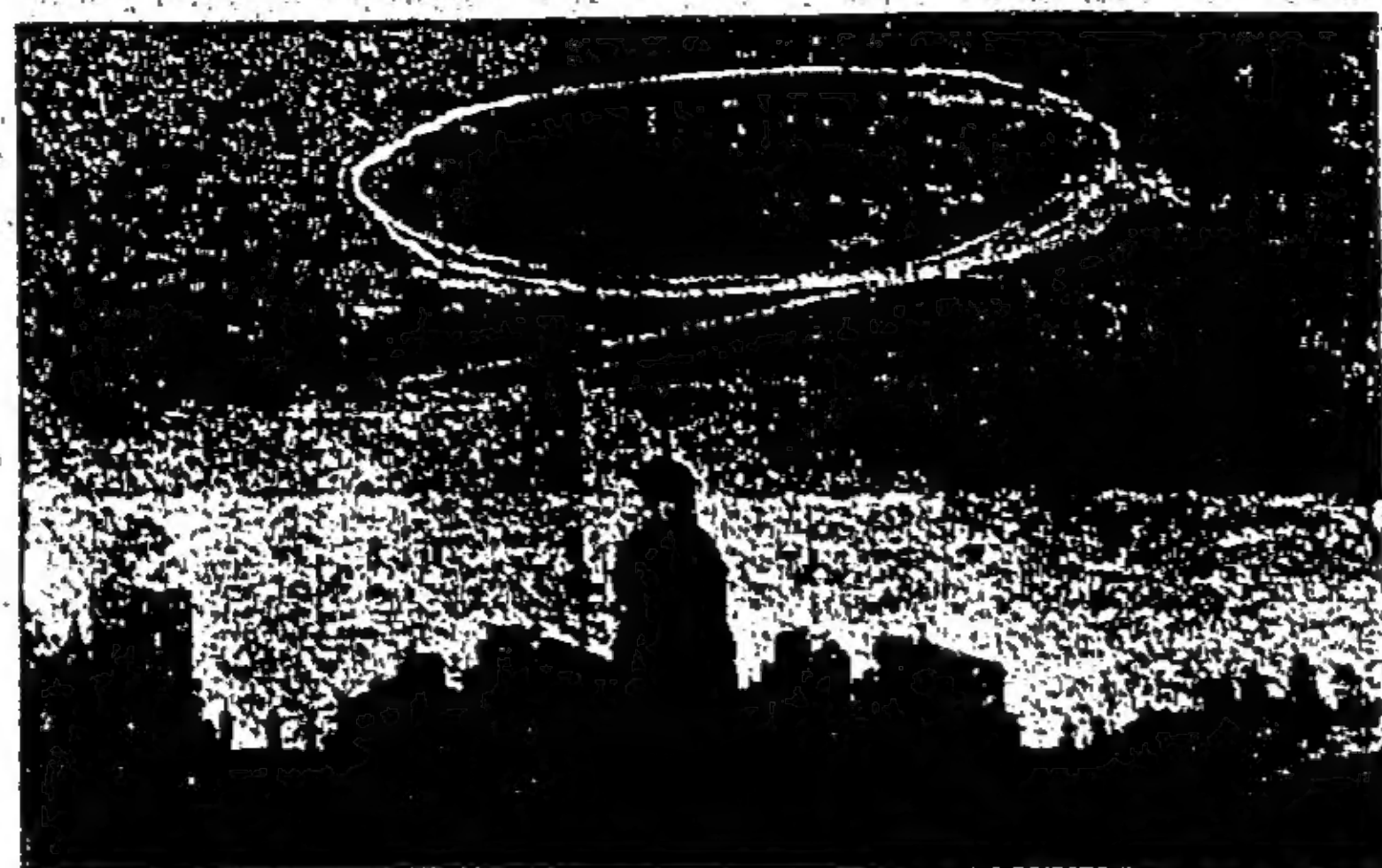
CAUSE IS JUST

The conversation, said Major Hastings, was in connection with the King's remark, "Our cause is just and honourable" to which the reply was grudgingly given "That's more than we know."

"That is where those men of Agincourt differ from the men of today," said Major Hastings. "We know too well of the Nazi methods—yes, we know, they have brought home to us all right."

The speaker went on to state that his job was concerned with the anti-aircraft defences and his work made it necessary for him to know something about the vapours that came overhead.

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Tracks of British fighters and German bombers fighting high over London during recent daylight raids.

New C.-In-C. Far East To Visit Hongkong

Air Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham, the newly appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Far East, is to visit Hongkong shortly to inspect the defences, according to a Reuter message from Singapore. Sir Robert later expects to visit Australia and New Zealand.

In an interview with the Singapore Free Press, Sir Robert stated that reinforcements of men and material were continuing to arrive in the British possession in the Far East, making Britain's strength more complete.

Sir Robert disclosed that before leaving England, he was told by Mr. Churchill Britain would hold Singapore no matter what happened and Sir Robert could rest assured "there will be a continuous and steady flow of men and munitions to the countries in my command and that he is sparing no effort to make Singapore and other British countries in East Asia as strong, and as well defended as possible."

RICE PRICES CRITICISED

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Rice is usually bought by the picul, by those able to afford it, or by the dollar by the majority of the working class, when it fixed the prices at so much per catty or so much per five catties. Nobody, excepting the very poor, ever buy rice by the catty, went on the informant, and to so quote affords the retailer an exceptional opportunity of squeezing on every dollar's worth sold.

For instance: in the case of Grades 1 and 2, quoted at 15 cents per catty, one should get 6 catties, 10 taels, 10 and point six mace to a dollar. The weight given by the retailer would be 6 catties and 10 taels—at the very most.

Unless Government fixes a heavy penalty for selling above the fixed prices, the retailers will set the Government ruling at naught, said one of those interviewed.

And, he went on to ask, what is there to prevent the retailer from "fixing" his scales? And will there be any Government officials going around to see that the prices are being adhered to, as in the case of the tinne provisions, when several leading stores were fined for selling at above the fixed prices?

KOWLOON CHESS SURPRISE

A surprise feature of yesterday evening's programme in the Kowloon Chess Club Tournaments was the defeat of K. M. A. Barnett, the Colony Champion, by A. Y. Birukoff.

Birukoff, who had only the day before beaten D. E. de Carvalho, has thus assumed the lead in Section "B" of the Senior Tournament. In other Senior games, L. Karovich beat E. Weiss and D. E. de Carvalho beat W. O'Sullivan and B. D. Evans ended in a draw as did that between C. M. Sequeira and G. S. Coxhead. In a Junior Tournament game, J. Strelfeld beat F. A. Fabel.

CLIPPER DUE ON SUNDAY

Pan American Airways CHINA CLIPPER, bringing U.S. mails, dated San Francisco, Dec. 1, is expected to arrive in Hongkong on Sunday afternoon and will leave on Monday morning.

THE CALIFORNIA CLIPPER is scheduled to arrive on Tuesday afternoon and will leave the following morning.

THE WEATHER

Maximum temperature yesterday was 71 and the minimum 64. Total rainfall since January 1 is 117.59 inches against an average of 84.22.

The Royal Observatory report states:—A strong anticyclone is stationary over China, Japan and the neighbouring seas, pressure being highest over Manchuria.

The typhoon or depression is centred about 350 miles W.W. of Manila, moving W.

Pressure is also low to the east of the VISAYAS.

HEALTH RETURNS

The following is the Return of notifiable diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 24 hours ended at midnight on Dec. 4:—Diphtheria, one case; Measles, one case; Chicken-pox, one case; Dysentery, three cases; Tuberculosis, 35 cases.

NEW YORK, Dec. 5 (Reuter)—The British steamer Marylyn, 4,565 tons, and a Greek freighter, described as the San Gabriel, have been torpedoed and sunk on South American voyages, according to the New York Maritime Register.

Britain And S. America

IMPORTANT EVENT IN RELATIONS

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 5 (Reuter)—Although the British Trade Mission to South America has only been here for four days, it has already met with great success and the visit has come to be regarded as one of the most important events in the history of British relations with South America.

Businessmen are so anxious to meet members of the Mission, that they queued up for tickets for today's luncheon given by the British Chamber of Commerce, when 700 British and Argentine businessmen and Argentine officials will meet the visitors.

BABY ALLEGED THROWN FROM TOP FLOOR

A three-months-old boy, Lo Wai-tsun, was thrown from the top floor of No. 78, Marble Road, Shaokwan, about 6 p.m. yesterday allegedly by his father, Lo King-yu, 32, of Nam Hol.

The boy was seriously injured and was found to be dead on arrival at the hospital.

The father has been arrested, according to a Police report.

S'hai Share Record

SHANGHAI, Dec. 5 (Reuter)—Establishing an all-time record for Shanghai, the new share issue for which a subscription list opened at 10 a.m. and closed at 1939 a.m., today was oversubscribed 45 times.

The public had been asked to subscribe only \$2,500,000 to the new issue of the Shanghai Worsteds Limited, but by noon, subscriptions totalling \$38,000,000 had been counted.

BATAVIA, Dec. 5 (Reuter)—The Netherlands East Indies Spitfire Fund offered Mr. Winston Churchill a tenth birthday Spitfire. In less than three months the N.E.I. Spitfire Fund has completed two squadrons.

Frenchmen Kidnapped

TOKYO, Dec. 5 (Reuter)—An undisclosed number of Frenchmen and other Westerners were kidnapped in recent weeks in the southern portion of Indo-China, Japanese reports from Hanoi state.

The crimes were perpetrated over a period covering the last two weeks and reports state that some of the victims were rescued by Police and French Army authorities. It is said that four rebellious natives were killed in the course of the operation.

Meanwhile, further reports from Saigon assert the rebels are setting fire to French houses in the country districts.



Sgt. W. E. G. Taylor, of New York, commanding the first All-American R.A.F. Squadron. He is wearing on his sleeve the "Eagle" badge adopted by the unit, which will be known as the Eagle Squadron.

VIGOROUS CHINESE ATTACK IN ICHANG

JAP. OBSERVATION POST DESTROYED

CHUNGKING, Dec. 5 (Central)—Chinese troops unleashed a vigorous attack against the Japanese on the south bank of Ichang, upper Yangtze port in Hubei, on Nov. 30, exacting a heavy toll of lives.

On the same day several Chinese columns launched simultaneous attacks at Fanchi in the Ichang sector. Breaking through the Japanese barbed-wire entanglements they challenged the Japanese to hand-to-hand fighting. Japanese casualties were heavy.

On the north Yangtze bank Chinese troops made an attack at Nanhsuan under a protective

barrage early in the morning of Dec. 1.

Japanese troops marching from Wuliashin in the southern suburbs of Chungking in south Hubei into Tungcheng were intercepted and decimated on Dec. 1.

ARTILLERY DUEL

Japanese artillery on the north bank of the Sinsiang River in north Hunan shelled the Chinese positions in the neighbourhood on the morning of Dec. 1. Chinese guns replied and destroyed a Japanese observation post.

Fighting has flared up again in north Kiangsu. Japanese troops, based at Hwaiian pushed south while those based at Paoying drove north. They met with strong Chinese resistance.

Japanese sailing out from Kaoyu in steam and wooden boats were attacked by the Chinese. Three steam boats and several wooden boats were sunk. The Japanese fled back to Kaoyu.

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Freedom Vs. Discipline

"It is Hitler's off-repeated boast that he is bringing back discipline to a world dissolved and disintegrated by democracy. That is his mission, symbolised by jackboots and whips. Yet it is a mission which cannot simply be dismissed with contempt," says the Church Times.

"When the ordering of their choice, as beyond their individual capacity to accomplish, is taken out of men's own hands, and entrusted to dictators, or to dictatorial juntas, the only rulers, to act as instruments of justification of the dictation is the people know themselves, and the people know better what is good for the average man, and know better how to bring it about, than the master minds of the Pharisees said, a people accursed, who know not the law. They must be given masters. But in the Nazi theory there is no room for any process of appointment of such masters, nor for any means of settling who in fact knows better, nor for any method of investigation into the relative merits of one object or another.

"The leader is a thing given, a prophetic revelation descending, as his adherents allege, from heaven, emerging, as his opponents believe, from the slime. The policy in which the will of all are to join their enforced co-operation needs no investigation. Like the leader, it is a thing imposed without doubt or question, or to be rejected without the extremity of peril.

GUINS AND BUTTER THEORY

"So it is held down that guns are better than butter, matter is more important than mind, cruelty more praiseworthy than culture, barbarism more desirable than the worship of God. It all comes back to this. Power is given or assumed of arbitrary decision, both on policy and methods, based on irrational force, and lasting in complete control of human lives.

"We do not say that such a system is not effective, for its own ends and within its special limitations. For gaining quick results, such as a lightning victory over the unarmed or the rapid demoralisation of nations which are sick in soul, it is the most effective system yet invented.

"But on a longer view it is a system bound to fail, for rational intelligence is not a quality confined to self-constituted mandarins, and conscience has a disconcerting way of reasserting its claims.

"The generality of men—it is simple truth—are not brutes. They possess both minds and wills. And though a combination of disillusionment and propaganda may reduce them temporarily to a state of mental and moral deficiency, there always comes a time when people find they cannot live by bread alone, not least when they have not even bread. Then they ask themselves whether the whole conception of discipline to which they have been subjected does not need radical revision.

Conserving Petrol

"PART OF WAR EFFORT"

"We are at war, and the conservation of petrol is a most important part of Australia's war effort," said the Minister of Supply, Sir Frederick Stewart, commenting on a report that Sir Earle Page proposed to move for the disallowance of the petrol rationing regulations.

"That is my answer to Sir Earle Page and others who, for various reasons, mostly selfish, are associating themselves with him in this matter," he added.

"Both the Government and myself have been severely criticised for our reluctance to bring petrol under control at a much earlier date.

"Great Britain's capacity to draw upon outside sources to supplement her own great munitions effort will be imperilled if the constituent parts of the Empire are not prepared to impose some restriction on their overseas expenditure.

"Every million pounds spent by Australia for foreign petrol means one million pounds worth less of vital equipment available for the defence of London, and when London is being defended Australia is being defended.

"It is clear, therefore, that whether the impelling motive be political or personal, those who are now so roundly criticising the Government's action in regard to petrol control are, wittingly or otherwise, doing a disservice to the Empire's war effort."

LICENCES ISSUED

Sir Frederick said that the chairman of the Central Control Board had assured him on Friday that all applications for licences, except few that required special investigation, had been dealt with and the licences issued. Provision had been made for special action in respect of remote areas, to overcome the possibility of any inconvenience.

It was only natural to expect that quite a number of appeals would be made against this slighted ration, some of these being because of insufficient information on the original application, and others because of special circumstances which merited special treatment.

The Central Control Board had, however, vested in the State Boards complete power and authority to exercise wide discretion in order that inconvenience might be reduced to an absolute minimum. Any person who was dissatisfied with the ration allotted to him had the right of appeal for review, and the Central Board had been asked to make the greatest effort to grant requests dealing with all such appeals.

However inconvenient and even annoying petrol rationing might be, it represented only a small contribution by Australians towards the supreme effort now being required of their kinsmen in other parts of the world.

DEVELOPMENT OF GUANTANAMO

NEW YORK, Dec. 5 (Reuter)—President Roosevelt left the United States naval base at Guantanamo (Cuba) on the cruiser Tuscaloosa for an undisclosed destination. This news is contained in a wireless message from the escorting destroyer Mayrant, which adds that prior to the departure, Mr. Roosevelt discussed plans for an extensive development of Guantanamo and set sail after dark.

The death occurred on Nov. 21 at the Country Hospital, Shanghai, of Rudolf Emil Linnestad, aged 57 years, Norwegian Electrical Engineer and Contractor. Funeral services were held at the Hunjiao Road Cemetery on Nov. 30.

Tin deposits have been found near Hossai, on the Red Sea coast, according to Dr. Hassan Gaddik Bey, Egyptian Under-Secretary for Finance. Experts estimate that the yield will be 15,000 tons of pure tin annually.

MONTREUX, Dec. 5 (Reuter)—Copies of the Gazette de Lausanne containing a full and impartial account of last week's naval battle in the Mediterranean have been banned from entry into Italy.

LAMMERTS' AUCTIONS

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Chinese Preparations
For Large-Scale
Offensive

SHANGHAI, Dec. 5 (Reuter).—
The Chinese press reports that
the Chinese High Command are
reversibly preparing for a large-
scale general offensive next spring.
More than 500 trucks recently
arrived from America are now
being used to transport military
supplies to the northern and south-
ern fronts.

Every effort is being made to
provide the Chinese forces in
all areas with adequate quantities
of war material.

WAR OFFICE MAY
BAN TREATING

The War Office is giving further consideration to the
question of making a "no treating" order, similar to that introduced
during the last war.

Service men themselves have complained of being embarrassed
by members of the public who insist on "treating" them and
offence if they decline drinks.

To avoid a scene, the men often
drink glasses of beer which they
do not want.

Certain executive officers at the
War Office are in favour of the
introduction of a "no treating" or-
der.

FLEA TO PUBLIC
But there are difficulties in the
method of administering it, as it
is likely in some cases to result in
harassment on the part of the
public.

As a compromise an announce-
ment may be made, shortly ap-
pearing to the public to refrain from
pressing drinks on servicemen.
Licenses will be asked to use
their influence by declining to
serve drinks when they consider
men have had enough.

The "doping" of soldiers in
public houses is also to be tackled.
It will be one of the first jobs
of the new squad of Scotland
Yard officers which has been
assigned to the War Office.

It is not suggested that soldiers

ROUND THE
POLICE
COURTS

AT CENTRAL

CHOPPER ATTACK SEQUEL
Two brothers appeared before
Mr. G.T. Lowry yesterday in con-
nection with a chopper attack on
Nov. 23.

Chan Yu-chee, 30, was charged
with wounding his brother, Chan
Yu-wong with a chopper at No.
29 Queen's Road Central, ground
floor. Defendant pleaded guilty.
Det.-Sgt. W. Summers said that
on Nov. 23 about 6.15 p.m. defend-
ant, who had been drinking, had
a quarrel with his brother about
the accounts of their business.
Defendant went to the workshop
and took a chopper and struck
complainant on the head. Com-
plainant had been in hospital
since then.

Defendant was remanded in Po-
lice custody for 24 hours for con-
sideration of sentence.

COOLIE BOUND OVER

Cheng Man-wong, 25, house
coolie, was bound over in a per-
sonal bond of \$50 for six months
when he appeared before Mr.
Lowry yesterday on remand.

Cheng was charged with steal-
ing \$40 from his brother, Cheng
Yee-cheung, cook boy, at No. 10
Leighton Hill Road on Nov. 30.
Det.-Sgt. J. Bentley, who pro-
secuted, stated that Mr. Davis
was willing to take defendant back
into employment.

AT KOWLOON

ATTEMPTED EXTORTION

Wong Kaa, 23, was charged be-
fore Mr. E. Himsforth yesterday
with impersonating a Police officer
and with attempted extortion of
\$5 from a hawker, Tsang Kaa.

It was stated that the com-
plainant was walking along Temple
Street, near Public Square Street,
about 3 a.m. on Monday when two
men came up to him, one holding
him by the hand, the other flash-
ing a torch light on his face. The
defendant told Tsang that he was
a Police officer and had to take
the complainant to the Police
Station.

He remarked that complainant
had to pay \$5 bail at the Police
Station and asked the latter
whether he rather paid him the
money or go to the Station.

A Policeman on duty in the
vicinity came to the scene and the
complainant told him what was
happening and the defendant
was arrested.

The accused was fined \$200 or
three weeks on the first charge
and six months on the second
charge, the sentences to run con-
secutively.

DOCTOR VICTIMISED

Sentence of three months' im-
prisonment, followed by expulsion,
was imposed by Mr. Himsforth
yesterday on Fok Ping, 17, for
larceny of \$681.77 Hongkong cur-
rency and Ys.48.75, by servant and
for larceny of \$22 from No. 10
Ashley Road.

Defendant was employed by Dr.
S. Hara as a servant. In the
absence of the employer, the de-
fendant stole the money and some
private papers on Wednesday. The

LATEST GIFTS
FOR PURCHASE
OF SPITFIRES

LONDON, Dec. 5 (Reuter).

The latest gift for Spitfires
is an unusual one—it comes
from the Italians themselves!
In recent raids on enemy posi-
tions in Africa, soldiers of the Gold
Coast Brigade found some lira
which the Italians had left behind.
This money has now been sent
to a "Spitfire" fund.

Other gifts include the purchase
price of three "Spitfires" from a
Newfoundland fund.

The British community in the
Argentine has sent \$25,000 for
the purchase of aircraft for the
Fleet Air Arm.

EXCESS PROFITS TAX

In Trinidad, an excess profits
tax is to be imposed on com-
panies so that more monetary aid
can be sent to Britain.

This tax, says the Governor of
Trinidad, will be used to increase
contributions to the British Gov-
ernment's special naval and mili-
tary services from \$209,000 to
\$280,000 a year, and to make a
further special gift of \$52,000 to
Britain.

The Mysore War Fund has sent
£1,500 to the Lord Mayor of
London's air-raid distress fund.

larceny of \$22 was committed on
the previous day.

THEFT OF BICYCLE

Convicted of larceny of a push
bicycle outside No. 7, Saigon
Street, Wat Ping-chiu, 21, was
fined \$10 or, in default, 14 days'
hard labour by Mr. A. N. Mac-
fadyen yesterday.

Sgt. Alexander prosecuted.

LEARNER DRIVERS FINED

Two learner drivers, Ho Kit, of
No. 25, Austin Road, and Ho Chi-
fan, were summoned before Mr.
Macfadyen yesterday for driving
in a road other than specified
in their licences.

Each of the accused was fined
\$5.

COMMITTED TO SESSIONS

Lai Yat-chung was charged be-
fore Mr. Macfadyen yesterday with
uttering two forged \$10 notes of
the Hongkong and Shanghai
Banking Corporation, on two
different occasions and with pos-
session of same.

Det.-Sgt. N. B. Fraser, who con-
ducted the prosecution, said that
the defendant went to the Lo Sam
Kee eating-house at Reclamation
Street about 8 p.m. on Nov. 28
and after finishing eating defendant
tendered a \$10 note in payment
of the 20 cents meal.

The master was suspicious of it,
but after having been assured by
the accused, handed over the
change of \$8.80. Later he found
out that the note was a forgery
and told his folk to look out for
the defendant if he should ap-
pear again.

Two days later about the same
time the defendant came to take
his meal again. When he finished
he was alleged to have produced
another forged \$10 note. On seeing
that it was a forgery, the master
asked him to have it changed.
The defendant said that he had
none and was arrested. It was
alleged that the accused tried to
escape when the note was found
to be a forgery.

After evidence given by Mr. Lai
Centre, of the Kowloon branch of
the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank-
ing Corporation, who testified that
the notes were forgeries and by
other witnesses, the defendant was
committed for trial.

The defendant denied that he
was the one who produced the
forged note on the first occasion
and said that he had no knowl-
edge that the note was a forgery.

HEAVY FINE IMPOSED

Hearing of the case, in which
Tam Kam-lu, wireless operator,
was charged with possession of a
transmitting wireless set at No. 93,
Princess Edward Road, was con-
cluded before Mr. Himsforth yester-
day.

After further evidence and be-
fore the passing of sentence, Mr.
M. A. de Silva, who appeared for
the defendant, submitted that the
evidence given in Court was purely
circumstantial and in view of the
fact that evidence given by the
defendant and the prosecutor were
both consistent there must be
some reasonable doubt, and the
defendant should be given the
benefit of that doubt. Under such
circumstances, Mr. Silva requested
his Worship to discharge the de-
fendant.

After careful examination of the
evidence the accused was convicted
and fined \$500 or, in default, 10
weeks in prison.

JAPANESE IN HAWAII
CAUGHT BETWEEN U.S.
& TOKYO POLICIES

HONOLULU, T. H., Nov. 28.—Hawaii, scarcely known to the
United States' founding fathers, rapidly was becoming today
perhaps the most vital testing ground of their constitutional
theories, with immense consequence to American policy in the
Pacific.

The question involved, fundamentally, is whether this rich
territory, strongly fortified and guarded will continue to function
as a solid unit despite a population consisting of more than
one-fourth Japanese.

Relations between Japan and strong influence of their parents
the United States now are con- sidered the most strained in history.
The United States fleet has been based in Hawaiian waters for
seven months, and commanding officers indicate it will remain
there indefinitely. Its presence is a symbol of the urgent necessity
that lies behind the diplomatic policies of Washington and Tokyo.

PECULIAR PROBLEMS
To the Japanese in Hawaii, alien or citizen, the situation pre-
sents peculiar and distressing problems. They total about 153,000
persons, of whom 119,800 are American citizens by virtue of
their birth in Hawaii.

All of the older Japanese have been in the territory for years
since immigration from Japan ac-
tually ceased more than two de-
cades ago when it was agreed no
more Japanese labourers would
enter American territory.

Since 1924 it has been impos-
sible for these older Japanese to become American citizens, under
terms of American legislation. Further complicating their status
and that of their children is the
"dual citizenship" practice of the
Japanese home authorities where-
by Japanese citizenship is retain-
ed by all persons of Japanese an-
cestry whose birth is registered
with Japanese consular or diplo-
matic representatives.

TWO EVENTS
Two events served to place
Hawaii's Japanese in an uncertain
state within the last year: the
United States abrogated the 1911
amity and commerce treaty, and
the securities and exchange com-
mission forbade Hawaii Japanese
purchases of unregistered Japan-
ese war bonds.

Most of the Japanese busi-
nesses and land holdings are
in the hands of the "older
generation." They consequently
view the present situation with
definite fear.

To their children the problem
is far more acute. Americans
they find themselves suspected by
outsiders and crudely lumped with
Orientals not eligible for citizen-
ship. Under the traditional

loyalty of Japanese-Americans
they regard them as American as
any racial segment of the United
States—perhaps more so. It is to
be remembered that Japan at
home for decades has been pat-
terned life after the western
mode, adopting western dress,
movies, automobiles and speech.

The Hawaii-born Japanese can
only be uncomfortable and ill-
placed in any return to pure Jap-
anese Orientalism and Asiatic
custom.

Yet Japan itself is heaving
rigidly to the "New Order in
Asia" line laid down at the start
of the China campaign, and seems
to be heading for a direct con-
flict with Anglo-American joint
Pacific policy.

U.S. COMMITMENTS
The United States appears com-
mitted to defence of the Philip-
pine Islands until those islands
are finally independent, and like-
wise to all possible aid to China.
Japanese attacks on any British
possessions in the Far East un-
questionably would be followed by
extremely strong Washington
reaction. The United States re-
cently was reported to have as-
sured French Indo-China of ma-
terial support as long as its govern-
ment offered any effective, inde-
pendent resistance to Japanese
encroachment.

Thus, Hawaii's Japanese find
themselves caught between
Tokyo and Washington diplo-
matic, military and naval poli-
cies, heading for a definite
showdown.

Nazi Economic Domination
Is Challenged

tion which was primarily found-
ed to facilitate trade between
Britain and the Far East and
which has considerably expanded
its sphere since it was formed in
April.

Up to now geographic and
economic relations have resulted
in Turkey conducting about 50
per cent of her total trade with
Germany and less than ten per
cent with the United Kingdom.
There is no doubt that in the
future, economic domination by
Germany, with its desirable po-
litical implications, will be effec-
tively challenged.

ANGLO AGREEMENT
WITH TURKEY

LONDON, Dec. 5 (Reuter).—
The Anglo-Turkish financial
agreement is not only of com-
mercial but also of political sig-
nificance and is, in fact, a challenge
by the British Government to
German economic domination in
the Balkans, writes Reuter's Diplo-
matic correspondent.

It is believed possible that
Germany may put forward a
tempting commercial proposition to
Turkey but the agreement should
prevent her ever getting her old
economic predominance over Tur-
kish economy.

The agreement is the result of
long discussion and covers the
whole field of financial and com-
mercial relations between the par-
ties. It will facilitate the pur-
chase of Turkish agricultural and
other products the disposal of
which is necessary to her national
economy. The purchase will run
into millions of sterling.

U.K. COMMODITIES
The agreement will also enable
the Turkish government and local
importers to import from the
United Kingdom and the Empire
not only goods required for gov-
ernment institutions but other
commodities such as wool, re-
quired by the producer.

Full use will be made of United
Kingdom commercial co-opera-
tion.

Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel,
remarked that according to re-
gulations of the General Post
Office the Intermex should be
given a portion of the fine. Mr.
Himsforth ordered \$100 to be re-
warded to the informant.

With 29 others they were charged
with committing acts of vio-
lence against the Germans.
The remainder were sentenced
to long terms of hard labour and
imprisonment.

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Rumania's Lost Control:
Discussion In Commons

LONDON, Nov. 20.—The position of Rumania, the German
attitude toward Petain's France and the lease of bases to the
United States, were among the questions which came up for dis-
cussion today during a busy session of the House of Commons.

Defining the position in regard
to Rumania, the Undersecretary
for Foreign Affairs, Mr. R. A.
Butler, said that within the last
few months, "the Rumanian gov-
ernment have, on their own ad-
mission, invited German troops to
enter Rumania. During that
period, German troops have been
arriving in increasing numbers."

"PINCHED" BY NAZIS
"These concentrations of enemy
troops in a nominally neutral
country have obliged the British
Government to regard the Ru-
manian Government as being no
longer in full control of their
own country, or its foreign
policy."

Asked whether it were true that
the Germans had "pinched"
(stolen) all the material which
the British had supplied to Ru-
mania, Mr. Butler replied, amidst
laughter: "I think they have
pinched as much as they can."

WON'T ACCEPT NAZI PLAN
The Foreign Undersecretary also
intimated that the British min-
ister to Rumania remained there
in order to protect certain British
interests.

Asked what suggestions had been
received from Germany for an
agreement at the expense of
France, Mr. Butler said that, both
before and since the war, aban-
donment of France by Britain had
been implicit in any German public
pronouncement on Germany's
conception of a settlement with
Great Britain. The ruling idea in
the German mind, he added, was
that Germany should dominate
the continent. This is a concep-
tion with which we have never
been in agreement and which
we are not now willing to ac-
cept.

The "considerable progress" that
had been made in the negotia-
tions with the United States for
the leasing to that country of
bases in the West Indies was em-
phasized by the Colonial Under-
secretary, Mr. George Hall.

AGREE ON SITES
An agreement had been reached
on certain sites for bases in Ber-
muda, the Bahamas, Jamaica,
Antigua, St. Lucia and British
Guiana, he said. The agreement
work on the agreed plans would
be started in the near future and
would be proceeded with at full
speed. He went on:

"This important strategic
and political development is a
valuable contribution to the
defence of the two great de-
mocracies and the future of
Anglo-American relations."

The conference of British and
American experts to give practical
effect to the bases leased to
America is to be held shortly in
London. Topics of discussion,
Reuter learns, are to be the ju-
isdiction and administration of the
regions concerned. The govern-
ments of Newfoundland and Ber-
muda have already been invited
to send representatives and others
may be invited.

Mr. Hall paid tribute to the
colonies for the way in which they
had heartily welcomed the pro-
posals and the way in which they
were doing everything in their
power to facilitate the making of
the necessary arrangements and
ensuring real progress to be made
in the matter.

FRANCE'S COLONIES
Speaking of the great economic
contribution to Britain's war
effort by the colonies, the Under-
secretary for the Colonies men-
tioned, inter-alia, the United States,
which, for instance, had bought
large quantities of colonial rub-
ber, tin, cocoa and other com-
modities and the dollar products of
such sales had produced a valu-
able addition to the funds avail-
able for essential war purchases
in the United States. This con-
tribution alone amounted to mil-
lions of pounds to Britain's ex-
change position.

There had been gifts to buy
fighters and bombers; gifts in
cash and in kind for the general
prosecution of the war; gifts to
the war charities, the Red Cross
and King George's fund for sol-
diers, and gifts for every con-
ceivable purpose, and up to date
the wonderful total of nearly
£17,000,000 (£138,000,000) had
been subscribed. Contributions,
both private and official, had
poured in from all quarters of
the empire—from Nigeria's 20,000,000
people to the 200 persons occupying
the Accra Islands.

A striking testimony of the
support received from all the de-
pendencies was provided by the
extent to which the war had closed
the ranks within the empire.
True, many people were impatient
at Britain's rate of advance to-
wards its goal, but that feeling
had vanished at the threat of a
German victory. The occupied
nations of Europe were melancholy
evidence of the extent to which
highly developed peoples could
suffer at the hands of their Nazi
exploiters. He had no doubt that
the colonial peoples had drawn
the obvious conclusions that their
fate would be infinitely worse
if it not necessary to con-
vince the colonial people,"
Hall stated. "Hitler's own re-
turn to them, which do
little credit to his sense of
humanity or his imagination,
make our most attractive pro-
paganda."

Finance and Commerce

NEW U.S. ASSISTANCE TO BRITAIN IMMINENT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5 (Reuter).—Important new American moves to help Britain appeared imminent yesterday as the Secretaries of at least three government departments gave indication of further aid being under immediate consideration.

Mr. Jesse Jones, Secretary of Commerce and Federal Loan Administrator, said that Britain was a "good risk."

Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Secretary of the Treasury, was arriving to meet Treasury officials.

Simultaneously, Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, told a press conference that government was giving consideration to all phases of the shipping question in connection with aid for Britain.

SPECIAL CONFERENCE

Observers had sensed something in yesterday's special conference which brought nine of the most important government officials together. Three similar extraordinary meetings have been called of recent months and it is notable that a major step to aid Britain followed each one.

The first meeting preceded the sale of destroyers, the second preceded facilities for Britain to increase her air force orders by 12,000 planes, and the third preceded the release of Flying Fortresses for sale to Britain.

The financing of Britain appeared to be the dominant subject at

the latest conference and Sir Frederick's visit here is expected to help clarify the situation. There has been some demand for information on Britain's exact status.

FURTHER ORDERS

Manufacturers, for instance, want to know whether it is financially safe to accept further orders and if the millions they have spent to handle British orders will be repaid.

Another source of concern has been the future of American export trade if British resources are allowed to become exhausted. The British Empire now takes 80 per cent. of United States exports, and the sudden and complete collapse of the Empire would be a heavy blow to American national economy.

FORD INTERVIEW

DETROIT, Dec. 5 (Reuter).—Mr. Henry Ford, in an interview yesterday, said that if Britain needed money he was in favour of "giving them all they want."

He added: "It will end the war in a hurry. We did it before and might as well do it again."

Britain's Need Of Butter

"The defeat of the British Empire in the struggle we are now engaged in is the only factor which will destroy the market for increased Australian dairy production at a reasonable price."

So said Mr. J. R. King, a member of the Australian Dairy Produce Board, recently replying to a statement by Mr. M. P. Dunlop, general president of the Primary Producers' Union, on the subject of increased dairy output.

"As Mr. Dunlop was well aware of the shortage in butter supplies to the United Kingdom resulting from the war," Mr. King said, "the figures might have been quoted to the farmers when placing before them the attitude of the Primary Producers' Union towards increased production."

"We now have a cable from London stating that the British Government has been forced to reduce the ration of butter from 4 oz. a head to 2 oz. on account of shortage of supplies. Is this not sufficient justification for increased production in Australia?" Mr. King asked; and added:

INCREASED QUANTITIES

"Mr. Dunlop apparently agrees there should be opportunity for the sale of increased quantities of Australian dairy produce after the war, though the only point he is definite upon is that the farmers should have an assured buyer and an assured price before he will advise increased production."

"The defeat of the British Empire in the struggle we are now engaged in is the only factor which will destroy the market for increased Australian dairy production at a reasonable price. I, for one, will not contemplate that, and if such a catastrophe did come, then nothing else would matter. If for no other reason than to help win the war, the producers should be willing, and I believe they are, to increase production to the limit, as foodstuffs are just as essential as munitions in the United Kingdom."

"Although Mr. Dunlop does not read into the contract that the British Ministry of Food will take all the butter and cheese Australia can send, I would like to quote the old adage that 'there are none so blind as those who will not see.' Every box of surplus butter Australia has produced so far since the war began has been taken by the British Government, paid for here, and shipped without any delay or extra cost to the producers."

CHARCOAL GAS AS FUEL

Mr. Vincent was replying to Mr. Wilson (U.C.P. Dubbo), who mentioned a newspaper advertisement for producer gas units, and asked whether the Forestry Department was in a position to supply the proper charcoal.

ALLEGED HARDSHIP

The Premier, Mr. Blair, was asked by Mr. Matthews (Lab., Non-Comm., Leith) whether it was not a fact that petrol rationing was causing great hardship, and that certain lorries would be able to work only one week in four, and whether he would make the necessary representations for a more liberal scheme.

Mr. Blair replied that he had asked the Federal Government to see that unemployment was not caused by petrol rationing and he would make representations about any specific matter brought to his notice.

"The State Government has nothing to do with the matter," he added, "but it realises that the Federal Government must take some action to restrict the consumption of petrol. It would be impossible for this country to go on using the same amount of petrol as it did before the war, because a tremendous quantity is required for military purposes, and because of the exchange position."

CHINA TO EXPORT MORE FARM PRODUCTS

Beginning from 1941, the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry hopes to increase the value of China's export of farm products to \$500,000,000. For the past few years, the annual average has been \$125,000,000.

To put more land under the plow so that the total food production in Free China can be increased is one of the points to be emphasised in the Ministry's programme for 1941. It is revealed that over 100,000,000 acres of land are as yet uncultivated.

The extension of improved seeds for cotton and wheat in the north-western provinces and for rice and sugar-canes in the southeastern provinces constitutes another important item in next year's programme.

For the control of insects, a formula has been worked out whereby native drugs will be used as disinfectants. Better fertilisers will also be sought. As oxen and buffaloes form the main animal labour on Chinese farms, their propagation will be encouraged. Meanwhile, better farming tools are to be popularised. As to irrigation projects, they will be undertaken by the individual provinces with financial assistance from the National Government. (Central News).

RICE IN LIEU OF CASH

CHINESE LAND TAX COLLECTION

CHUNGKING, Dec. 5 (Reuter).—The collection of land tax in rice instead of cash is expected to be enforced next year, according to the official Central Daily News.

The proposal, it states, was adopted in principle at the July meeting of the Supreme National Defence Council while the details were approved at the Executive Yuan meeting on Nov. 13 after which the Ministry of Finance decided that land tax for 1941 should be collected in rice.

The Chinese daily estimates the total land tax, including the Japanese-occupied area, at about \$200,000,000. According to the 1935 budget, land tax totalled 90,000,000 taels or one-fifth the total National revenue.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, Dec. 5 (Reuter).—In the Stock Exchange yesterday, in the absence of any incentive stimulus and fresh buying interest, the Market experienced a dull session.

Gift-edges, however, continued to meet with support and Oil, where changed, moved to holders' favour. Industrials were heavy, especially Store shares, which were adversely influenced by rationing considerations.

Wall Street was irregular.

\$1 Million Raised For Warm Garments

CHUNGKING, Dec. 5 (Central).—The Warm Garments Campaign in Shanghai has collected approximately \$1,000,000 (Chinese currency), exceeding the expected amount by \$500,000.

The Headquarters of the Warm Garments Campaign in Chungking has telegraphed thanks to the Chinese community in Shanghai for its enthusiastic support.

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Breaking The British Blockade

Only German Outlet Through Balkans

CHUNGKING, Dec. 5 (Reuter).—The chances of Germany breaking through the British blockade is very slight, declares the Central Daily News in a leading article.

"During the last European war, before the entry of the United States, Germany controlled larger territory in Europe than she does today. On land, Germany's only outlet will be to push through the Balkans."

"It is true that British shipping losses today are extremely serious, but Britain can purchase ships from the United States and Britain's construction capacity must be considerable."

"We cannot say that it is impossible for Germany to break through the British blockade but

ANGLO-TURKISH AGREEMENT

FILLIP TO TRADE ANTICIPATED

LONDON, Dec. 5 (Reuter).—The British and Turkish Governments have now concluded arrangements which they hope will bring about a considerable increase in trade through commercial exchanges between Turkey and the British Empire.

During the validity of arrangements provision is made that payments between Turkey and the Sterling area shall be effected at the existing rate of exchange between Sterling and the Turkish pound and that special accounts will be created in order to facilitate commercial and other payments between the two countries. The present arrangement is complementary to the Trade and Payments Agreement signed in London on Feb. 3.

the changes must be very slight," the paper concludes.

HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS

Report	Bidder	Offer	Nominal	THURSDAY 5 DFC.	Buyer	Seller	Bank	Forward
Banks								
\$175	H.K. Banks	...	...	\$1290	...
...	Do. (Lon. Reg.)	...	...	278	...
...	Do. (Col. Reg.)	...	...	278	...
...	Chartered Bank	...	...	278	...
...	Mercantile Bk. "A"	...	...	226	...
...	Mercantile Bk. "C"	...	...	2108	...
...	Bank of East Asia	...	...	773	...
...	N. C. & S. Bank	10 ct.	...	...	...
Insurance								
\$185	Canlon Insurance	...	...	\$185	...
...	Union Insurance	...	...	\$291	...
...	Underwriters	...	...	80 ct.	...
...	H.K. Fire	...	...	\$150	...
Shipping								
...	Douglases	...	...	\$135	...
...	Steamboats	...	...	\$100	...
...	Indo-China (Prof.)	...	...	\$100	...
...	Indo-China (Def.)	...	...	\$100	...
...	Shells	...	...	33/8	...
...	Walschels	...	...	87	...
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.								
...	H. K. & S. Wharves	...	...	\$894	...
...	Providents	...	...	\$5.15/54	...
...	H.K. Docks (Old)	...	...	\$18.70/182	...
...	H.K. Docks (New)	...	...	\$18.18	...
...	Shanghai Docks	...	...	\$30	...
Mining								
...	Kailash	...	...	19/2	...
...	Rauba	...	...	87	...
...	Hong Kong Mines	...	...	...	...
Lands, Hotels and Buildings								
...	H.K. & S. Hotels	...	...	\$3.30	...
...	H.K. Lands	...	...	\$32	...
...	Do. 4% Debentures	...	...	\$100	...
...	Shanghai Lands	...	...	\$114	...
...	H.K. Realities	...	...	\$3.45	...
...	Hampshire	...	...	\$7.15	...
...	Chinese Estates	...	...	\$100	...
...	Cotton Mills	...	...	...	...
...	Ewo (S.)	...	...	X.R.	...
...	Shai Cottons (S.)	...	...	\$165	...
...	Zoong Sings (S.)	...	...	...	...
...	Wing On Textiles (S.)	...	...	\$125	...
Public Utilities								
...	H.K. Tramways	...	...	\$16.55	...
...	Peak Trams (old)	...	...	\$7.40	...
...	Peak Trams (new)	...	...	\$3.70	...
...	Star Ferries	...	...	\$574	...
...	Ymatu Ferries	...	...	\$24	...
...	China Lights	...	...	\$7.10	...
...	China Lights (New)	...	...	...	...
...	H.K. Electric (Old)	...	...	\$32	...
...	H.K. Electric (New)	...	...	\$32	...
...	Macao Electric (Old)	...	...	...	...
...	Macao Electric (New)	...	...	...	...
...	Sandakan Lights	...	...	...	...
...	Telephones (old)	...	...	\$94	...
...	Telephones (new)	...	...	\$10	...
...	St. Peter's (Ord.)	...	...	...	...
Industrials								
...	Chid. Macg. (Ord.)	...	...	\$14.90	...
...	Chid. Macg. (Prof.)	...	...	\$12	...
...	Canton Iron	50 ct.	...	...	...
...	Cements	...	...	\$174/172	...
...	H.K. Ropes	...	...	\$8.80	...
...	H.K. Govt. Loans	...	...	...	...
...	4% Loan	...	...	887	...
...	3 1/2% (1934)	...	...	895	...
...	3 1/2% (1940)	...	...	...	...
Miscellaneous								
...	Dairy Farms	...	...	\$184	...
...	Entertainments	...	...	\$8.60	...
...	Constructions (old)	...	...	...	...
...	Constructions (new)	...	...	...	...
...	Lane Crawford	...	...	...	...
...	Nanyang Tobacco	...	...	\$31	...
...	Sincere	...	...	\$2.20	...
...	Watsons	...	...	\$10	...
...	Ch. G. 5% 1925GBds.	...	...	357	...
...	H.K. Wing On	...	...	\$39	...
...	Shai Wing On	...	...	\$7.50	...
...	Vibro Piling	...	...	7/8	...
...	Marsman Inv. (H.K.)	...	...	3/8	...
...	Wm. Powell	...	...	...	...
...	1 Sale to Shanghai	...	...	\$1.80	...

H.K. STOCK EXCHANGE

The upward trend of the market continues with the underline firm. Trams taking the lead in the turnover, with an unsatisfied demand for Docks, Banks, Lands, Telephones, Cements, Dairies, Providents and Watsons.

BUYERS

H.K. Banks, \$1290.
Canton Iron, \$185.
Docks (O), \$17.20.
Docks (N), \$16.50.
Providents, \$5.20.
Lands, \$31.50.
Trams, \$17.
Yamatu Ferries, \$22.25.
Lights (O), C.D. \$7.10.
Lights (N), C.D. \$6.70.
Electric (O), \$35.50.
Electric (N), \$34.
Sandakan Lights, \$11.
Telephones (O), \$24.50.
Telephones (N), \$10.
Cements, \$17.50.
Ropes, \$8.80.
Dairy Farms, \$18.25.
Watsons, \$10.20.
Entertainments, \$8.65.
Constructions (O), \$1.60.

SALES

H.K. Banks, \$1290.
Union Ins., \$391.
Wharves, \$90.
Docks (O), \$17/17.25.
Providents, \$5.25.
Realities, \$3.45/3.50.
Trams, \$17/17.10.
Peak Trams (N), \$3.50.
Lights (O), C.D. \$7.25.
Electric (O), \$34.75.
Electric (N), \$33.25.
Sandakan Lights, \$11.
Telephones (O), \$24.75.
Telephones (N), \$10.10.
Cements, \$17.75.
Watsons, \$10.20.
Wm. Powell's, \$1.90.

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SALES

H.K. Banks 5 \$1,300.00
A.S. Watsons 500 10.20
China Lights X.D. 300 8.75
Cements 1,000 17.75
China Providents 250 5.25
H.K. Docks (O) 500 5.25
Daily Farms 400 17.25
H.K. Electric (O) 50 38.75
H.K. Electric (N) 25 39.25
H.K. Telephones (N) 100 39.00
H.K. Tramways 500 17.00
H.K. 400 17.10
H.K. 200 17.10
H.K. Wharves 65 90.00
Union Ins. 718 391.00

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ATUTA MARU Saturday, 28th Dec.
BOMBAY via Singapore & Colombo.
OKITO MARU Friday, 6th Dec.
ONOE MARU Wednesday, 11th Dec.
RANGOON & CALUTTA via Singapore
LIMA MARU Thursday, 12th Dec.
MATUMOTO MARU Saturday, 28th Dec.
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WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory
10 a.m., Dec. 6.
Barometer (at sea level), 30.11 in.
Temperature, 73 F.
Humidity, 63 per cent.
Wind Direction, ESE
Wind Force (Beaufort), 2.
Temperature: maximum yesterday, 78 F.
Temperature: minimum last night, 64 F.
Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10th today, nil.
Total rainfall since January 1st, 17.39 ins.
Against an average of, 84.22 ins.
Sunset tonight, 5.39 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 6.50 a.m.
4 p.m., Dec. 6.
Barometer (at sea level), 29.98 ins.
Temperature, 71 F.
Humidity, 73 per cent.
Wind Direction, E/S.
Wind Force (Beaufort), 4.
Maximum temperature, 77 F.
Minimum temperature, 64 F.
Rainfall, nil.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 6 to 12 Dec. 1940.

Day of Week	Date	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
		Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Fri.	8	0035	8.4	0831	2.3
		1930	5.1	1840	4.8
Sat.	7	0148	5.8	0923	2.6
		1715	5.4	2158	4.7
Sun.	8	0304	5.3	1018	4.7
		1756	5.8	2340	4.4
Mon.	9	0450	4.9	1104	2.9
		1828	6.0	0040	3.7
Tues.	10	0620	4.6	1150	3.1
		1954	5.4	0129	3.2
Wed.	11	0735	4.6	1230	3.2
		1916	6.9	0230	2.6
Thur.	12	0830	4.6	0306	2.6
		1938	7.1	1307	3.3

WHY SIR GEORGE PAISH WAS ADVISED TO LEAVE AMERICA

In a U.S. Senate committee room one day recently Montana's Senator Burt Wheeler sat looking from a tray with a spare, tall, white-mustached Scotsman who had asked to see him. The Senator's misty eyes looked grimmer and grimmer as he heard what his visitor had to say. But he listened on. Sir George did not deny that he had spoken the words Burt Wheeler repeated in the Senate. But he thought that the Senator had misunderstood his intentions. His visitor was an eminent British economist, pink-checked, 72-year-old Sir George Paish. Three hours later, as the Scotsman took his leave, Senator Wheeler turned an amazed stare on two stenographers in the reception room outside, exclaimed: "What do you think that old gentleman just told me?" Burt Wheeler later told the Senate: "He (Sir George Paish) said to me 'Senator, the American people have never denied a request that I made of them...' He said to me 'I am responsible for getting the United States into the last war... and I am going to get this country into this war.' He is urging that 50 destroyers be given to Great Britain. He is urging that the Johnson Act (forbidding loans to nations which have defaulted on their debt to the U.S.) be repealed. He was very, very frank about it. Interrupting, Minnesota's Senator Ernest Lundeen declared: 'I think the gentleman referred to should be deported from the United States.' Said peppery old Senator Carter Glass of Virginia: "... If there is not a law to deport him, he should be deported anyway."

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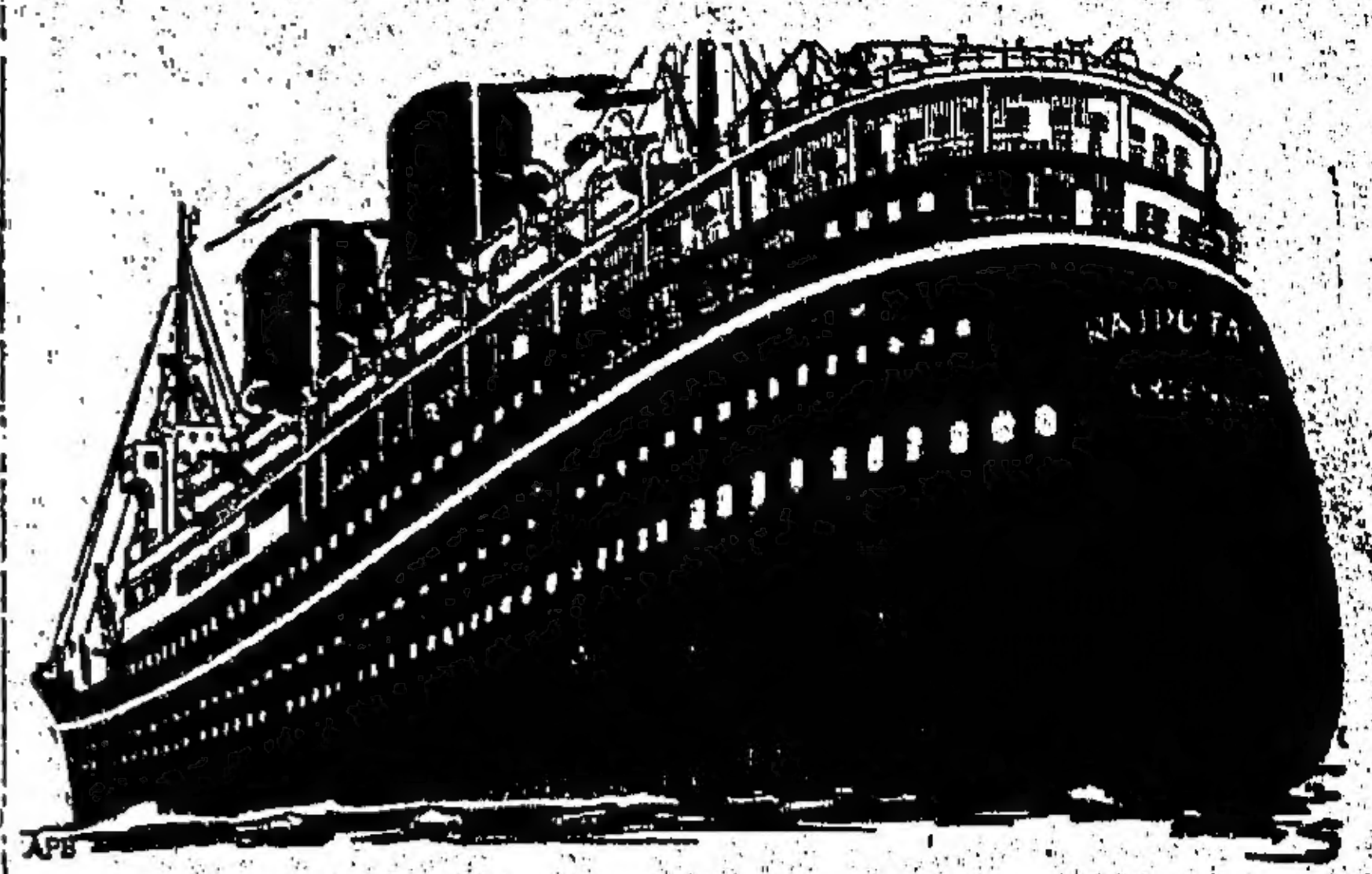
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